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At Saturday's Bethel Art Fair, performance artist Rilah Nowell offered a free Theater Play Workshop on the Common. The workshop focused on creative movement and improvisation. The kids passed the final performance with flying colors. More Art Fair photos, Page 9.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Newry withdrawal counterproposal:

In 10 years Newry would pay nearly what it does now, but other towns' shares would climb

By ALISON ALOISIO

The counterproposal that led SAD 44 to ask the state Department of Education to suspend withdrawal negotiations with Newry (see last week's Citizen) would have had the town slowly decrease its costs for education over 10 years from \$3 million to

about \$854,000.

During that same time Bethel would gradually increase its annual payments from the current \$2.8 million to \$4.3 million, according to the proposal, which was calculated in today's dollars. In the first year of withdrawal Bethel's share would increase

by about \$160,000.

Woodstock's current share of just over \$1 million would rise to about \$2 million over the decade, and Greenwood's from just over \$1 million to \$1.12 million.

In the first year after withdrawal Woodstock's share would rise by about

\$90,000, and Greenwood's by about \$10,000.

If Newry voted to withdraw and immediately started paying tuition only to SAD 44, its estimated annual tuition costs would be between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

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Newry sets tax rate; talks board size, conflict of interest and noise

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry selectmen Tuesday set the tax rate and discussed citizen concerns about the number of selectmen on the board, conflicts of interest, and noise

from Sunday River Resort. The tax rate was set at 9.47 mills, up from the previous 9.05. The total assessment is \$4,375,023, of which \$3,023,019 goes to SAD 44.

Tax bills were expected to go out today (Thursday).

SIZE OF BOARD

Continuing a discussion from their last meeting, selectmen heard a report from Deputy Clerk Kelly Scott, who researched the

prevalence and pros and cons of a five-member selectboard for small towns like Newry. The question had been raised by resident Tink Konkright.

Scott said she found that only five towns in Maine of comparable population size to Newry have boards that size.

One town, slightly larger than Newry, went to a

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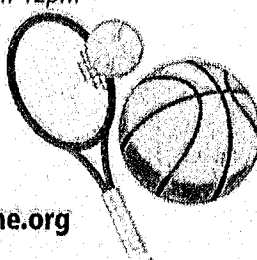
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In Junior Legion baseball action last Thursday, the team from Bethel defeated a squad from Augusta 7-1. Here, Bethel's Marcus Wentworth delivers a pitch early in the game. More photos and information, Page 8.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

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Letters

MOLLYCKETT ROAD RACE CHANGES

To the Editor:

The Mollyckett Day Road Race has been a favorite event for years among local runners and visitors to the area. The event will be hosted again this year but there have been a few changes. The first and most important is the race will be held on Saturday, July 18; the schedule will remain the same. The events include a 5 mile running race, 2 mile walk and a 1 mile event for kids under 14 years. The kids' race begins at 8:45 a.m., followed by the 5 and 2 mile events at 9 a.m. Registration begins at 7 a.m. on the Common in Bethel. Check out the race schedule at <http://www.mollyckettdays.com/races.html> or take advantage of the reduced registration fee by registering by July 12 at <https://www.runreg.com/mollyckett-day-classic>. Check out the special pricing for camps and teams who bring a minimum of five participants.

The other change is that the Bethel Outing Club (BOC), a non-profit 501 (c)(3), is organizing the race this year. The BOC is an organization that promotes Nordic skiing as sport and recreation in the greater Bethel and western Maine area, with particular emphasis on youth development Nordic ski programs, and to support recreational activities and family-oriented outings in the out-of-doors. Join us for a fun filled day starting with the race, followed by a parade, food, crafts, frog jumping, music, kids' area and the day closes with fireworks at 9 p.m.

Ann Speth
Bethel

LYME DISEASE LAW PASSED

To the Editor:

On June 23, Maine LD 422, "An Act To Improve Access to Treatments for Lyme Disease," silently passed into law. The Governor took no action on it and it has met its required waiting period since Enactment by the House and Senate. Following its required 90 days from the adjournment of the Legislature, it fully takes effect.

So what does this law mean for the people of Maine? It means that Maine doctors will be able to treat their Lyme patients with antibiotics for as long as necessary in order to get them symptom-free and back into good health. This law does not force doctors who choose not to use longer courses of antibiotics (beyond four weeks) to use them. It will benefit the patient whose doctor feels that the use of longer courses of antibiotics are necessary. The law keeps that decision safely between the doctor who understands the intricacies of Lyme disease and their patient.

There are more and more cases of Lyme disease and associated tick-borne diseases in Maine every year. It is the third most common infectious disease in the State of Maine, and the most common vector-borne infection in Maine and the nation. It is conservatively estimated by the federal CDC that 10-20 percent of those with early Lyme disease go on to have late-stage problems. The hope is that this law will encourage more Maine doctors to seek further education for themselves on the complexities of diagnosing and treating Lyme disease and tick-borne diseases. The International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society (ILADS) offers a Physician Training Program for those interested (www.ilads.org/education/physician-training.php).

The Lyme Legislative Work Group, made up of eight women from around the state, with tremendous help from Rep. Deb Sanderson, the bill's primary sponsor, and aided by a great idea from Rep. Ryan Michael Fecteau in consultation with Rep. Sanderson, worked diligently to help move this legislation out of Committee. With the assistance from our lobbyist friend, Bill Whitten, Sen. John Patrick, the Senate sponsor of the amended bill, collective bipartisan support, and the time, energy and commitment of the many people in Maine who wrestle with the complex problems that Lyme presents, LD 422 was passed into law.

Rhonda Buker
Newry

YOGA CLARIFICATIONS

To the Editor:

Gratitude to Linda Howe for creating the space in the Methodist Church annex to hold yoga (and other) classes, and to Amy Chapman for writing last week's article.

A couple of corrections: Phoenix Rising Yoga Therapy and Thai-Shiatsu are two separate trainings for 1:1 bodywork that are akin to the principles contained within a hatha yoga practice or class. My actual yoga classes draw from many trainings and experiences with yoga and other disciplines, including meditation training.

My e-mail address only has one 'y' in it: openskyoga@gmail.com - otherwise, your email will go to someone in Thailand!

Karen Swanson
Bethel

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GEM SHOW

To the Editor:

This past year flew by and it is already time for the annual gem show at Telstar High School. This is the 54th consecutive year the Oxford County Mineral & Gem Association has put on a show.

This show is what finances the OCM&GA and makes it so we can award scholarships for local students. This year we were able to award funds to a THS graduate and a partial scholarship to the Bryant Pond 4H Camp.

Admission is \$3 for most, kids under 12 are free.

The show is July 11 and 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, 10 to 4 on Sunday. Everybody purchasing a ticket will be eligible for door prizes, including the Grand Door Prize. This year's big prize is a suite of three Tourmaline crystals and a 1.4 carat faceted Tourmaline gem, kindly donated by miner (and club member) Jeff Morrison.

There will be some first rate mineral displays, plenty of beautiful things for sale, a continuous silent auction and a lot more. For more information check out our website at www.oxfordcountymineralandgemassociation.blogspot.com, or contact Show Chairman Dennis Gross at mincoll@megalink.net or 207-665-2759.

Come and take home a little piece of Maine. Hope to see you there.

Ken Briggs, President
OCM&GA
Woodstock

WMSC EXPLORES AGING IN BETHEL

To the Editor:

Over the past two months the 'To Your Health' program of the Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC) has offered two programs, open to the public, based on ideas put forth by Atul Gawande in his book *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End*.

From this call to action an exploratory committee has been formed and, under the auspices of the AARP, is busy researching what our community does or does not offer as support for people who wish to remain in the community as they age. Later we will be exploring improvements that could be initiated to make the community more age-friendly.

We are eager to have the support and creativity of community members (of all ages) who share this hope, and we invite you to join us. AARP has a wealth of information about some criteria of a "livable community" and what some other locales have instituted. A particularly good link is <http://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/>. Feel free to contact me for more information (nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com - 381-1110).

Nancy Davis
Bethel

REMEMBERING ALDEN KENNETT

To the Editor:

The death of Alden T. Kennett brings to mind one of the outstanding people I came to know well during my many years at the Bethel Historical Society. With his wife Mabel, who died in 2010, they constituted a force of craftsmanship as well as the possession of a superb knowledge and appreciation of the past that dwarfed most ordinary people's competence. Although they would both deny being extraordinary, their meticulous mastery of numerous crafts and knowledge of history set them apart from many of us. Always low-key and humble in manner, they were devoted Bethel Historical members, who quietly and without fanfare added much to the organization's reputation as a leader in the study and dissemination of local and regional history of northern New England.

It was always a source of great interest during our annual heritage festivals to see what craft from the past Alden would come up with to demonstrate, be it, for example, split rail fencing, post and beam construction or cedar shingle production. He usually appeared in authentic period costume for these events and delighted in explaining to anyone interested in all kinds of detailed information that he had gained based on his broad lifelong experience.

Alden's standards were of the highest caliber and his character was sterling in every way. His years as a dairy farmer, milk plant operator, fish culturist, game warden and arborist testified to his capabilities of learning on numerous fronts.

He also possessed a great wry sense of humor and was an accomplished storyteller. What fun it was to hear his stories and share our experiences with lots of laughs through the years.

When I decided to retire from the Bethel Board of Selectmen in 1983, I thought it was only proper to encourage someone with broad experience and impeccable credentials to succeed me. I immediately thought of Alden and persuaded him to run. He was easily elected and served the people of Bethel well as I knew he would.

For anyone involved in historical administration as I was for nearly 40 years, Alden was one of the "jewels" that most historical executive directors could only dream of in some best case scenario. We were so lucky to have his wise counsel with us for so very long. Regrettably, it is unlikely that we shall ever see his like again.

Stan Howe
Bethel

ART FAIR THANKS

To the Editor:

The July Fourth weekend brought wonderful arts and cultural events together through a vibrant spirit of collaboration in Bethel. The Mahosuc Arts Council would like to send thanks and attributions to all those who helped, supported and attended the weekend of arts and culture.

The collective impact of marketing, promotions, and communications increases dramatically when businesses, nonprofits, and individuals work in collaboration toward a common goal. In this case, it is a vibrant community weekend that draws visitors, locals and cultural tourists to our region as a destination, building on our culture and economy.

Thank you to the Mahosuc Arts Council Board of Directors: Chair Tera Ingraham, Vice Chair Lauren Head, Treasurer Kathy Hodsdon, Secretary Linda Stowell, board member Melanie Ellsworth and Outreach & Communications Specialist Allie Burke. Our work load was lightened by the great efforts of arts council volunteers Lee Smith, Sonia Albin, and Nano Zachary.

Great thanks to Melody and Garret Bonnema for permission to celebrate their artistic impact on the community, for the use of their image for the poster art and for curating an absolutely stunning exhibit at the Owen Art Gallery at Gould Academy. Many thanks to Lauren Head and Ani Inman for the large tasks of curating and gallery sitting the rare showing of Bonnema work.

Thanks Nano Zachary for thoughtful consideration and taking on the big job of providing qualified judging of the art show.

Thanks to Gould Academy for supporting art fair operations as well as Jerry Bernier and the Gould maintenance crew. Thanks to Janet Willie for cross promoting the Art Fair and the Shy Novice & Closeted Art Show. Thanks to Bethel Historical Society and Director Randall Bennett for working closely with the council to coordinate our activities and to Music Without Borders for joining in the energy.

Thank you to our sponsors who supported artist awards, entertainment and facilities: The Town of Bethel, Pine Tree Waste, Norway Savings Bank, the Moore Park Art Show of South Paris and Franklin Savings Bank.

Many thanks to the entertainers who donated their time to perform for the council: Rijah Newell for a wonderful morning children's theater workshop and performance, and Mary Uke Lady for gentle afternoon music. Thanks to Pine Tree Waste, Olsen Tents, Savage Portable Toilets and the Town of Bethel for providing all services. Thanks to Brad Jerome and the Bethel Inn Resort for dazzling us with exciting fireworks shows.

Arts events like this fair are not only important in supporting the arts and making a positive quality of place impact, they are also vital to the local economy by supporting artists and driving visitors to stores, restaurants, inns and other businesses. We send our thanks each and every business location where we were allowed to hang 100 posters. And thank you to the Bethel CEO Jeff Warden for supporting the placement of our road signage.

Thanks to the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce for not only supporting our event and updating our town sign, but for tirelessly working to build a community bringing great opportunity to organizations like the Mahosuc Arts Council. Many thanks to Robin Zinchuk, Jessie Seymour-Perkins, and Julia Reuter for making sure our information was correct and posted on time. Also we thank the crew at the Bethel Citizen, Alison Aloisio, Nancy Forest and Carri Frechette for great news and advertising coverage.

Many thanks to all who helped to make the weekend a success!

Aranka Matolcsy, Executive Director
Mahosuc Arts Council, Bethel

Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Despite rainy weather, a large crowd turned out as Newry celebrated its bicentennial with a parade, cookout, games, raffles, entertainment and a bean supper.

The Mahosuc Land Trust and Stony Brook Recreation hosted a lunch cookout for Source to the Sea Canoe Trek participants at Moran's Landing in Hanover.

Deaths: Muriel Evans-Pelloth, Laura M. Dolloff, Dwight Williamson, Linwood N. Felt.

20 years ago: A bear tore the screen off a window at John Greenleaf's Sunset Road house, crawled inside, and helped himself to some cinnamon kisses on the shelf.

The 100-year-old cast iron watering trough that formerly sat at the intersection of Main and Railroad streets was restored and placed near the Bethel Common.

Deaths: Robert B. Dow, Jr., Shirlene Bodwell, Lorenzo Cole, Marshall A. Glover.

30 years ago: The State Board of Education put their stamp of approval on the concept of a new SAD 44 elementary school in Woodstock.

Births: Adam Paul and Eric James Hanscom, Derek Charles Murphy.

Deaths: Rose H. Green, Ruth E. Poole, Henry V. Lane.

40 years ago: The Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association held its annual festival at the Gould Academy field house.

Sunri Ski and Sports Shop moved into its newly-renovated quarters mid-way up Main Street.

Births: Daniel Nathan Colby, Harold Roderick Clough, Jr.

Deaths: Herman F. Robertson, Burton P. Cox, Mrs. Sadie E. Lakeway.

50 years ago: A small crowd at Bethel Air Park witnessed an exhibition of sky-diving by Joe Richards, who had over 75 jumps to his credit.

Work was progressing on a three story, 40 by 250 foot chicken house being constructed for Reginald and Oakley Godwin to replace one destroyed by fire during the winter.

Birth: Brian Henry Flint.

60 years ago: Two cars of the west bound way freight were derailed near the Mason farm in Gilead due to a "sun kink" in the track.

Cement flooring was poured on the span of the new bridge over the Androscoggin at Rumford Point. It was expected the bridge would be open to the public by Sept. 1.

Birth: Gary Milton Inman.

Death: Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes.

70 years ago: Eight Oxford County farm youths entered the National Garden contests. They were eligible to compete for awards from the \$6,000 scholarship fund provided annually by the A&P Food stores.

Deaths: George I. Gaudet, Mrs. Mary J. Estes.

80 years ago: Crockett's Garage was entered by robbers and money taken from the cash register.

O.A. Twitchell of West Milan purchased beach property at Songo Pond.

Death: Mrs. Agnes Goddard.

90 years ago: Calcium chloride was applied to Main, Broad and Church Streets.

Signs were put up at street corners designating the names of the streets.

110 years ago: During a severe storm, lightning struck the house of Ed. Bell in West Bethel badly damaging the chimney. Mr. Cleve Bell, who was in the house, was rendered unconscious by the shock. The telephone wires had reached Hunt's Corner from Bethel.

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Hops

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The land lies beside the Androscoggin River, and the sandy, well-drained soil is ideal for growing hops, Raymond said.

After the fields were hayed last year, the Raymonds chose a plot for their first planting of hops and planted winter rye to add nitrogen to the soil. With the goal of using organic practices as much as possible, they may plant white clover, another nitrogen-fixing "green manure" crop, this year.

The spirit of the Phoenix The Raymonds' hopyard is part of a recent resurgence of hops cultivation in Maine.

"Hops were grown in Maine a hundred years ago before they moved to the Pacific Northwest, where it is dryer and milder is less of a problem," Raymond said.

Hops are susceptible to downy mildew and powdery mildew, fungal dis-

eases that can easily devastate a crop if not caught early. Recent growing practices have focused on early identification and efforts to mitigate damage.

Raymond estimates that there are now nearly 20 hop growers in Maine. Many of them have formed an informal alliance that allows them to share information at occasional gatherings, such as one he planned to attend in Portland at the end of June.

Since their purchase of the late Victor Coolidge's farm, Raymond said, "various Coolidge family members have stopped in to say 'hello' and make us feel welcome."

One relative mentioned Coolidge's fondness for the symbol of the Phoenix.

"It was an 'ah-ha' moment for us, as we were searching for a name for our hopyard," Raymond said.

"It seemed appropriate to

incorporate Victor's spirit into our project, which is to bring hops back to New England."

Local hops history

Although it had not been used in decades, the last hop house in Maine stood, until recently, on George Hooper's farm in Bryant Pond. Its floor was constructed of one- by two-inch boards, spaced an inch and a half apart, which allowed the hops to be dried when a fire was built in a pit beneath the floor.

The oldest part of Hooper's farmhouse dates from 1813, two years before the town of Woodstock was incorporated, according to members of the Maine Historical Society who toured his property.

"They think the hop house was built at about the same time," said Hooper.

Another hop house once stood on the former Her-

schel Abbott property in Woodstock, he said. It was later moved and incorporated into the Abbott family home as a bedroom.

Beginning in the mid-19th century, when the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad reached the village of Bryant Pond, hop farmers from Andover and other surrounding towns brought their crops to the hop house on Hooper's property by horse and buggy.

After being dried, the hops were taken to the railroad station and sent by train to breweries in Boston.

Despite Hooper's best efforts to save it, the dilapidated structure came down several years ago.

Long-range plan

Raymond said his first year's harvest will be very small, describing it as "an experiment" that will probably not yield enough hops to sell.

"We may brew some ourselves," he said, adding that the first hops he harvests will probably be used to make a "fresh hop ale," which requires no processing of the hops and allows for quick use.

"I look for full production in two to three years," he said, explaining that the grower's job in the first year is mainly to help the plants establish a strong root system that can store enough sugars to feed the rhizomes through the winter.

"The stronger the plants are, from an organic standpoint, the healthier they are."

The long-range plan includes gradually increasing the amount of acreage under cultivation until they have ten acres planted to hops, which they will sell to small breweries in Maine.

"Sunday River Brewing

Company is interested in our product when we're ready," Raymond said.

Getting the hopyard started has been a family effort that has included the couple and their daughter, Robert's mother and uncle, and Colleen's parents.

"My Uncle Tom and I built the trellis. We put up 108 poles," Raymond said. "And my mom did the bulk of the planting."

Although they currently travel back and forth from their home in New Hampshire, Robert Raymond has been spending much of his time at the hopyard, and said the family plans to relocate to East Bethel within a few years.

"We'll eventually get up here full-time. It's in the five-year plan," he said.

"We are excited to be a part of the Bethel agricultural community."



Above, Robert Raymond of Phoenix Hopyard in East Bethel trains a young hops plant to climb up its coconut-fiber support. Right, Raymond surveys his acre of hops plants and the extensive trellis system he constructed to support them.

(Photos: A. Wight Chapman)



School

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The counterproposal plan was designed to spread out the impact of Newry's potential departure from SAD 44.

Targeted Fund amounts

In addition, the Newry plan continues to offer a "Targeted Grants Fund," intended to enhance the quality of education in SAD 44. Originally offered for the first four years after withdrawal, the recent counterproposal upped the time period from four to 10 years, according to Newry Withdrawal Committee Chairman Jim Sys-

ko.

An annual grant amount would be recommended by committees from Newry and SAD 44 and approved at Newry's annual town meetings.

Information provided with the counterproposal shows that the first year an estimated \$557,000 would be "available" for the targeted grants, and increase each year thereafter until the 10th year, when just over \$2 million is projected to be available. Combining that with the overall \$854,000 proposed to be paid that year

for tuition, operating costs and payments to SAD 44, Newry would pay nearly the same total amount for education as it does now.

Debt shares

Another change included in the counterproposal would see Newry paying approximately 21 percent of eligible SAD 44 debt service, legal fees and other obligations associated with the town's current membership in the district.

In addition, Newry would be paid 21 percent of SAD 44's undesignated fund balance total upon with-

drawal.

That percentage falls in the middle between Newry's initial proposal of 4 percent (corresponding to its percent of the student population), and a counterproposal from SAD 44 to make that figure 37 percent (corresponding to the town's current budget share). The SAD 44 counterproposal, however, had also set 0 percent for the amount to be paid to Newry from the fund balance.

Sysko this week sent a letter to residents outlining the current status of

negotiations, and he also planned a letter to the DOE reacting to SAD 44's request to suspend negotiations in order to instead work on a new cost-sharing formula for district towns.

Sysko's letter to Newry residents closes with "I want to reiterate that from the beginning of this process we have said that our

goal is not to save money but to improve education and to increase the influence citizens have on how their tax dollars are spent. Contrary to what SAD 44 has claimed, this is not about money; this is about the education of all students in the district."

For the entire text of the letter, go to www.bethelcitizen.com.

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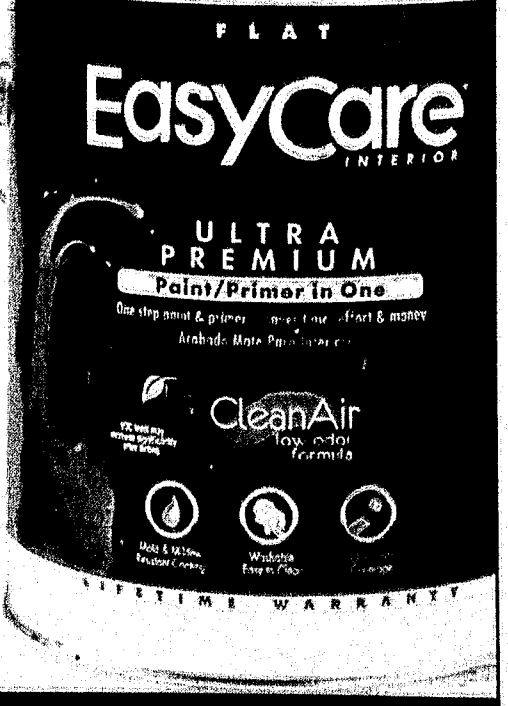
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Briefly

No bids on Union Church; paving work awarded

WOODSTOCK-Selectmen Tuesday received no bids on the Union Church building in South Woodstock, which the town had voted to sell and have moved off the property. Town Manager Vern Maxfield said two people had expressed interest earlier, and he might follow up with them informally. The board did receive paving bids for work on Rocky and Harbor roads and an apron on Billings Hill Road, Maxfield said. Pike Industries was selected with a bid of \$148,000, but that figure will have to be adjusted when information is clarified, said Maxfield. Selectmen also hired Travis Landes of Bethel as the new code enforcement officer. He will be paid \$20 an hour, as well as training costs. This summer his hours will be on an as-needed basis. The selectboard also voted to have Marcel Polak talk with the owner of a North Pond property regarding possible purchase by the town for use as a boat landing.

182 students apply for Region 9

MEXICO-Directors of Region 9 School of Applied Technology got some good news last week about student interest in vocational programs. In the past three to four years, Region 9 has had 150 to 160 applicants for its courses, school Director Brenda Gammon said. For the 2015-16 school year, though, 182 students have applied. "We're excited," she said. "That's higher than it's been for four years. And it's not too late for more to apply, because applications are still being accepted." The breakdown on applicants from area high schools is: one from Buckfield, 65 from Dirigo in Dixfield, 61 from Mountain Valley in Rumford, 42 from Telstar in Bethel, one from Mount Abram in Kingfield and 12 home-schooled teens.

Andover board approves school payments

ANDOVER-Selectmen voted 2-1 Tuesday night to send the first of 12 monthly payments to the new Andover School Department's financial administrator. Selectmen Jane Rich and Jim Adler voted to pay the \$107,317.81. Selectman Keith Farrington dissented; he wanted more clarification from department officials. Earlier this year, the school board subcontracted all of the school's financial matters, such as payroll and accounts receivable, to School Administrative District 51 in Cumberland. According to department officials, the town is to send checks to the school's financial administrator by the 20th of each month. After Adler read the amount, Rich motioned to pay the money, but there was no spoken second on the motion before Adler asked if there was any discussion. "I don't agree, but I think that we're getting the cart put before the horse," Farrington said. "I understand that it's money." "I would like more clarification, definitely, on the disbursement of the education finances," Adler said. "But I also feel that at this juncture, we need to get this money into the accounts so things can start, so for that reason, I am going to say yes to this." "And me, too," Rich said. Adler closed discussion and asked for the vote. Among other financial matters, the board also voted to pay Andover Water District \$6,240 for hydrants, Med-Care Ambulance \$1,231.50, and the Maine state treasurer \$1,095.50. - T. Karkos, Sun Media

OCSD receives defibrillators

PARIS-In a news release Monday, the Oxford County Sheriff's Office announced it received 18 new Automatic Electronic Defibrillators — or AEDs — through a grant from MCD Public Health and the Maine Cardiovascular Health Council. According to Chief Deputy Hart Daley, the equipment, which costs roughly \$1,200 per unit, will be outfitted in each cruiser and the department's central office in South Paris. In 2013, there were roughly 359,000 cardiac arrests outside of hospitals, according to the American Heart Association. Just one in 10 people survived. Eight cruisers are outfitted with the equipment and the devices have been used a few times, according to Daley. "These AEDs will be transported in the cruisers with the deputies to be 'at the ready' in the event of a cardiac emergency in the rural and geographically isolated areas within Oxford County," he said. The equipment is part of a project placing 300 units over the next three years in central, western, eastern and northern Maine communities. Daley said the defibrillators, which emit an electric pulse to the heart in case of cardiac failure, are easy to use and inexpensive to maintain.

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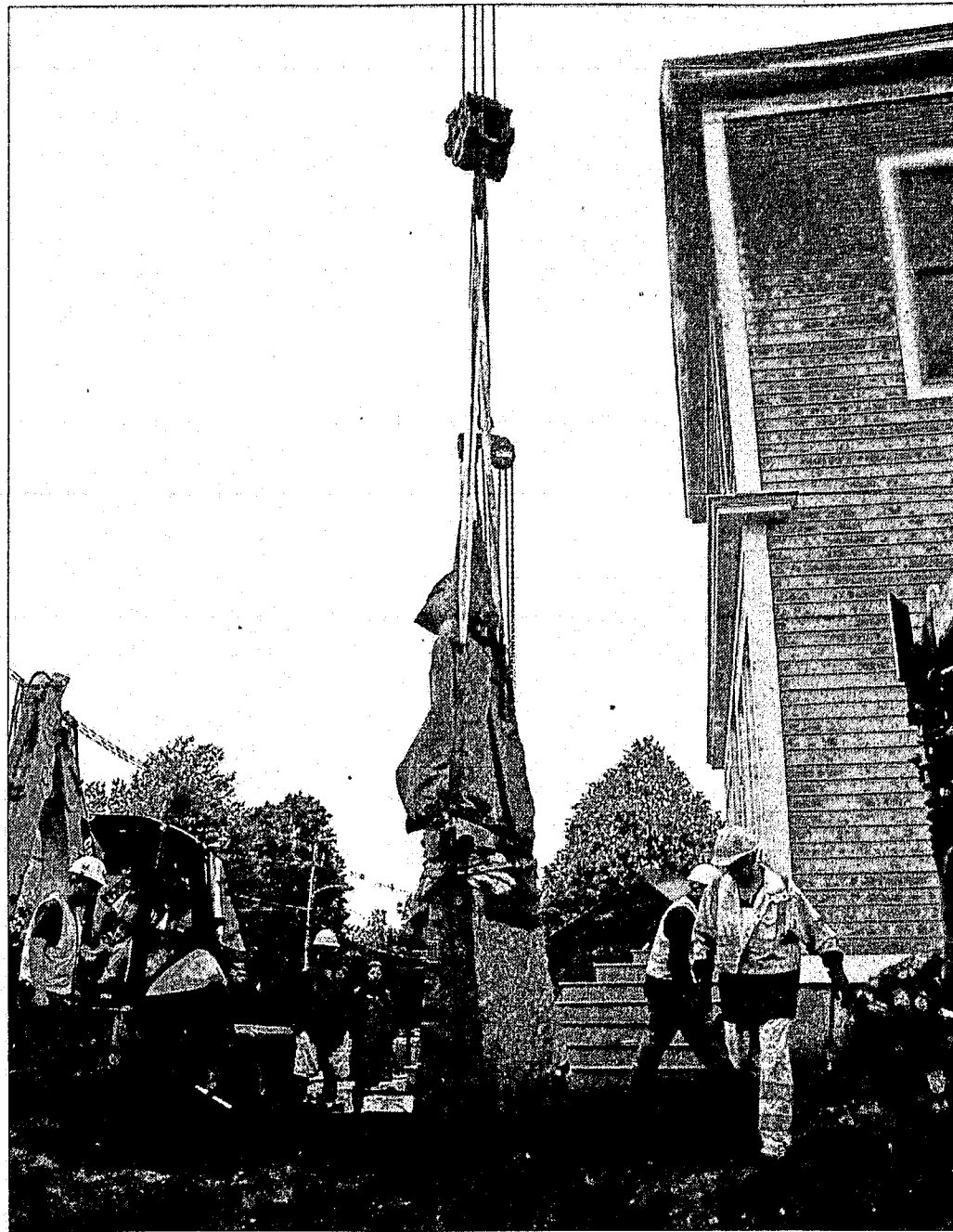
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ROCK DISPLAY GROWING-The Maine Mineral & Gem Museum on Main Street in Bethel added more pieces to its "sculpture garden" last week. Here, a tower of Hollowell Granite is placed in front of the museum by a crane. Said museum Director Barbra Barrett, "We are creating an interpretive sculpture garden with signage that visitors can walk through and experience what types of rocks they might encounter in different Maine locations, all a part of the museum's mission to bring educational exhibits outside and to represent the states geology through different rock types."

(Photos: A. Aloisio and D. Bennett)



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five-person board because attendance by members had been "spotty," Scott said.

Disadvantages to a larger board included extra costs from salaries, getting enough people to run for the office some years and the potential to add more conflict because of more varied ideas.

Advantages, said Scott, include the flip side of having varied ideas - having more views could also be a positive - as well as a more stable decision-making process.

"It comes down to what residents want," she said.

Such a change could be initiated either by the selectboard placing the question on a Town Meeting warrant or citizens petitioning for that.

The selectmen did not discuss the issue further after Scott presented her information.

Conkright was not at the meeting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The question of potential conflict of interest for board members is a topic that has been raised off and on for about a year. It returned again Tuesday with questions from resident Gary Drown about Selectman Jim Largess' vote this spring to drop the valuation of quarter-share hotel units at Sunday River Resort by 25 percent.

The state and the town's assessing agent had recommended the move, according to Town Administrator Loretta Powers, to bring the values more in line with what they are actually selling for.

Concern was expressed shortly after that vote about Largess' vote, because he is vice president for food services and com-

munity relations at Sunday River, and serves as the SR representative on the owners' associations boards for the quarter-shares.

Largess disclosed his role before voting.

But Drown said Tuesday he had done more research on the issue, and said he found that a conflict of interest can mean doing a favor for a family member or someone in a business relationship. Noting that Sunday River rents space in the quartershare hotels to operate restaurants, he wondered if Largess was in a position of voting as a tenant to a landlord.

Scott provided information the town has had on hand from 1990 describing conflict of interest. Largess read from it, noting that a person with a conflict would have conflicting or competing interests, and be motivated to act by self interest. Officials should try to avoid the appearance of conflict of interest by disclosing a relationship, abstaining, or both, the document said, in order to preserve the public trust.

Former selectman Brooks Morton then read a series of questions to Largess that Morton said he had been asked, including some on the relationship between Sunday River and the hotels regarding rental and restaurant management, and Largess' role. Sunday River manages rentals, Largess said, but restaurant management is entirely separate from the owners' associations.

Morton also asked if it would be reasonable for residents to have concluded that Largess had the appearance of a conflict in voting on the quarter-share valuation change.

"I do think it's reason-

able, and that's why I disclosed it," Largess said.

In a related discussion, Drown said he believed the town assessing agent should have been present at the meeting when that vote was taken in order to answer citizen questions.

"I feel like I got blindsided," Drown said.

Powers said the agent's recommendation was given to her over the phone. She said she could put Drown in contact with the agent now to answer questions.

NOISE

Selectmen also heard a report from Powers on noise complaints about a two-day music festival held at Sunday River this past weekend. A complaint was filed with the Oxford County Sheriff's Department, she said, and a deputy responded and parked near Coombs Village to listen. He reported that when cars were not driving by the music was "barely audible," she said.

She said selectmen did not have to sign off on the festival ahead of time because there is no such ordinance requirement. People at the meeting, included some of the town officials, noted they are sometimes able to hear fireworks or groomers from their homes in the Bear River area of town.

Tama Drown said she hears various Sunday River events from her home in the Sunday River area, but the louder activities at the resort, she said, are "what they do."

Largess recused himself from the discussion on Sunday River noise.

In other business Powers said that reconstruction of the Sunday River Road near the Letter S started this week,

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Bethel

By DON BENNETT



Around town

It looks like the rock garden crew at Maine Mineral and Gem Museum has thrown down the gauntlet in the Main Street who's

got the best rock garden contest completion in size at least. Kevin McMahon (Ruthies Garden) was watching in anguish as huge stones were being set into place along the museum's front. His expression was, "How can I keep up with those guys?" Roofing was being installed on the Family Dollar store frame-

work, I'm waiting for the clapboards. And the number of motorcycles going by our house was increasing as we got closer to the Fourth. The Mt. Will trail parking lot has a new blank kiosk ready for trail news.

Art Fair Weekend

If you haven't heard by now, Melody and Garret Bonnema were recognized for their outstanding work and artistry by the Mahosuc Arts Council. Their work was exhibited at the Owen Gallery at Gould Academy. Besides beauty in their graceful pottery Melody's inspired scenic tiles have earned them well deserved acclaim. Melody has turned scenes she captured in sketching at Screw Auger Falls for instance into beautiful tiles.

Last year Garret wrote a brief story of how he and Melody happened to pick Bethel for their new home. It was in last year's Bethel news but I thought bringing back the first two paragraphs was called for at this time:

In the fall of 1973 Melody and I drove to Maine from Pennsylvania to look for a place to buy. We were driving east on route 26 when we noticed a sign (on what is now the Bethel Gateway) that read "Leaving Bethel - home of Robert Crane realtor."

It just so happened that a friend of the potter that Melody was apprenticed to at the time had just said to her, "If I was moving to Maine, I would move to Bethel!" She had attended an NTL workshop, and loved everything about being here. We turned the car around and went directly to the office of Robert Crane.

Crane showed us several places in Bethel, including 146 Main Street, but we continued up the coast - which had been our main objective all along. We looked at properties from Camden to Belfast, nearly putting a down payment on one, but thanks to an experienced and wise realtor who sensed our lack of enthusiasm, we left with our money in our pocket and came back to Bethel. The size of the house and barn, and the potential we sensed here sold us. We made the move on the last day of February, 1974.

At the Shy, Novice and Closeted art exhibition variety, innovation and daring were the words to describe the exhibits - some of the standout artists were Howard Miller; Larry Engdahl, Kathy Berberian, Jared Eastman and Larry Bird. You can see their work on Bethel Journals Facebook

On the Common: Congratulations to Reggie Brown, Charlie and Beth Bean and the Bethel firemen for making their local showing. From my conservative point of view the term art was stretched to the point where its meter might read flea market. The tents had mostly out of town names.

At the Bethel Historical Society's Moses Mason Museum "Plein air" artists Erik Koepfel and Lauren Sansaricq whose Hudson School style work was on display Saturday along with similar paintings by long past well known artists. Koepfel and Sansaricq being here for Art Fair weekend helps round out the different levels of artistic expertise this annual event for the arts - visiting pros, local pros, commercial artists (paint what you think people want to buy) and amateurs-including the adventuresome ones we saw at the Shy, Novice and Closeted show this year.

Missing in Action - Bingham Forest news
We don't see much if any news about the Bingham Forest doings. Town Reports have not included a report from the BF Authority. Minutes from the BFA's March 2015 meeting recorded, "This year's harvest started 3 weeks late due to a warm December and then the crew struggled with snow that never settled. The skidders struggled to move in the snow conditions. The result is that only about 1/2 of the planned harvest was completed. The contractor, DGD Trucking, has expressed a desire to finish next year, but that is up to the BFA and the Town of Bethel. The timber sale agreement only covers one year. Do we have the authority to allow the contractor to finish next year? Do we have the authority to award them next year's harvest as well? Discussion centered around the bidding process, the potential of having two contractors and the resulting coordination to utilize the single access road, and fairness in bidding ensued."

1910, Summer boarders travel to their vacation at the Locke Farm on Sunday River in Bethel Excerpted from I Was A Summer Boarder by Ruth Crosby At the Portland Grand

Trunk Station our car with more jolting and bumping was joined to another train that would take us to Bethel. A slow and wandering train this was that seemed to stop at every cross-road. The car became hot and stifling, and the porter obligingly opened some of the windows and put in screens, which let in some air but did not keep out the soot which soon blackened our hands and faces.

After we had been on the way a man came through our car selling: "Necco Wafers... Peanuts... Popcorn... Chewing Gum... State o' Maine Taffy." Before we had realized it, we had reached South Paris, with the County Court House on the hill above the railroad track. Here we always waited a long time, but now there were only three more stations before Bethel - West Paris, Bryant's Pond and Locke's Mills.

(Locke's Mills was named for our (innkeeper) Miss Locke's grandfather, who early in the 1800s had bought some land along the Alder River and built mills to take care of timber that had been harmed by widespread woods fires.)

As the train left Locke's Mills, we washed off as much soot as we could in the little washroom at the end of the car. The air coming in the windows was cooler now. After the porter had brushed off the soot from our clothes, we giggled at a joke (our cousin) Pauline had picked up somewhere: Porter: "Brush you off, sir?" Passenger: "Thank you, no, I'll step off."

At last the conductor opened the door and called out "Bethel - Bethel." and the train came to a stop. Looking eagerly around as the porter helped us down the steps, we spied the familiar three-seated covered mountain wagon, with the back seat taken out to make room for our trunks, the pair of brown horses, Betsy and Jane, and the driver, often an old friend, Bion Swan, Will Decosta, or Will Yates. Our trunks, which had come along on the same train with us, were loaded onto the back of the mountain wagon, two of us girls got up in front with the driver and two; Mother was in the back and we were off for the four mile drive to Ellen Locke's for our summer boarder vacation.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



Free meals are available for children and teens this summer at Crescent Park School

in Bethel. The meals started on June 29 and run through Aug. 13. Breakfast is served from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. Bagged lunches are available between 11:30 a.m. and noon.

The weather was perfect for the Bethel Art Fair and Bethel Historical Society picnic and concert on Saturday, July 4: warm and cloudy, but no wind or rain. The predicted showers stayed away from Bethel. Last year wind gusts toppled tents and exhibits. Jim Decker of Jim Decker's Art Work in Richmond kept his eye on the clouds, "Watercolors and rain don't mix," he told me. I staffed the Bethel Library table on the Common for a few hours and was surprised at the number of people who told me that they come back every year for the Art Fair and Mollycodd Day, which is July 18.

The Bethel Library has announced the date for the author reading and book signing by Carl Howe Hansen, a former Bethel resident. Hansen will be at the Bethel Library on Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 6:30 p.m. Hansen's debut novel *Destiny*, is a science fiction thriller. Just published in May 2015, the novel had a rocky start. In 1978, Hansen's first handwritten manuscript of the novel, which was in his bag, was stolen by a knife-wielding thief in a bazaar in Tangier, Morocco. Hansen will talk about how he was finally able to complete and publish the novel.

Although our summer vegetables are just maturing, the late spring and early summer flowers are fading. Most of the lupine blossoms are gone and it is time to prepare for harvesting the seeds. For the past five years I've had good luck growing lupines from seeds I harvested. A few years ago road crews destroyed the beautiful lupines along our banks. We successfully reseeded the banks from seeds we harvested. The trick is to get the seeds before the pods burst. I cover the stalks with nylon stockings (pantyhose or any netting material works);

From the

OCSD Patrol Log

Monday, June 29

At 7:02 p.m. a subject in Gilead reported being threatened by a subject on social media. Deputy Dani Welch spoke with the parties involved after being read the messages. The parties were told to stop communicating via the social media.

Tuesday, June 30

At 8:57 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland received a report of a personal injury accident on South Main Street in Woodstock. Two drivers and two vehicles were involved, but there were no injuries.

At 9:31 p.m. Deputy Nathan Bowie responded to Greenwood for a report of fireworks.

Wednesday, July 1

At 11:32 p.m. Deputy Josh Aylward responded to the Grover Hill Road in Bethel for a report of fireworks. The area was checked and no more fireworks were set off.

Thursday, July 2

At 12:59 p.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell responded to the Barker Road in Bethel for a report of a young child who had been run over by a lawn mower. The child had injuries and was taken to the hospital.

Friday, July 3

At 11:22 a.m. deputies and State Police investigated the death of a subject in Bethel. It was still under investigation.

At 12:37 a.m. Deputy Steve Witham responded to a report of a car fire at a residence on the Rumford Center Road in Andover. The State Fire Marshal's Office was investigating.

At 3:10 p.m. a complaint was received of subjects drinking at the boat launch on Lake Road in Bryant Pond. Sgt. Tim Holland responded but no vehicle was located.

Saturday, July 4

At 7:57 p.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell responded to the area of Rowe Hill Road in Greenwood for a report of two dirt bikes speeding down the road. There was negative contact.

At 9:56 p.m. a caller from Newry asked that noise from a concert be documented. Cpl. George Cayer was assigned.

Sunday, July 5

At 12:29 p.m. Deputy Josh Daley responded to Evergreen Road in Bethel for a report of phone harassment. A subject was warned to cease communication with the complainant.

Monday, July 6

At 12:21 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of theft of liquor from a Bethel business. The complainant asked only to report it, with no investigation.

At 4:20 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham was notified of an animal bite on Intervale Road in Bethel. The ACO was contacted.

From the

OCSD Jail Log

July 6, 12:33 p.m.: Christopher J. Huard, 38, of Rumford, failure to pay fines, by Deputy Josh Daley in Bethel.

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and secure the bottom with twine so that the seeds don't fall out. When the pods are mature, I cut the stalks and store them in paper bags. Seeds need to be planted in the fall. Farmers' almanacs say that lupine seeds need to freeze before they can germinate. Some almanacs say that lupines won't blossom the first year. Not true. The lupines we planted in the back pasture and along the road blossomed the first year. This year I am sending pink lupine seeds to a woman from Pennsylvania who visited here during the height of lupine season. She was amazed that we had not only purple, but also pink, white, and yellow lupines. Lupine seeds are available commercially, but it's always more fun to harvest and share seeds with someone.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com.

West Bethel

By KAREN PAUL



Hi again from beautiful Barker Road in West Bethel.

John Applin sent me an e-mail with one correction from last week's article. I should have said "Pleasant Valley Grange." By the way, the Grange meets every fourth Thursday with a potluck supper at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7 p.m.

There is no activity at the corner of Ferry Road and Barker Road at the former Newton & Tibbett's Mill, but across the tracks the old Kendall Dowell Mill is alive with the sounds of Cross Excavation's employees and the various pieces of equipment and trucks coming and going. It good to have a thriving business in West Bethel again.

Rodney Jordan watched the fireworks in Errol, N.H. after a delicious meal of baked chicken and broiled rainbow trout at the Theriault camp in Cambridge. Rodney proclaimed the fireworks the best he'd seen other than one time in Washington, D.C.

I attended a three-day yoga retreat at Bethel Farm in Hillsborough, N.H. over the holiday weekend with my friend Anne Marie. We enjoyed lovely vegan meals from veggies and herbs grown in numerous gardens and hothouses around the farm. The setting was an old farm with a pond and 50 acres of woods. We learned Thai massage one evening and enjoyed homemade chocolates between sessions. I loved the spiritual meditations as well as the physical exercise of the yoga work.

Grandson, Seth Theriault helped put in wood last week and was rewarded with a trip to Mason Falls for a swim and a coyote tail from Bethel Bait & Tackle.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



I do hope everyone enjoyed their Fourth of July weekend. The weather was

nice for all the parades and family barbecues.

Bettyann and Sonny Hastings spent several days at their camp in Phippsburg near Bath. Their son Eric and Celeste also came to spend a couple of days with them. They had good weather and enjoyed a great time together.

Neil Olson has been on the road with his baseball team, The East Coast Prospects. They participated in four different Tournaments in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Florida and Georgia. The stats so far are 17 wins and four losses. Way to go Team! They played against real good teams. Neil said that is really good competition out there. Neil and Linda's oldest grandson, Aube, is currently playing baseball in Georgia. As a matter of fact, as Neil was telling me all this, Linda was there watching him play and cheering him on. Get this: currently Aube is pitching at 91mph! On one of the game days the temperature was 101F. Guess I am happy with our upper 80s.

I will give you the mock election results now. Sadly, we still do not have

a mayor for East Bethel. Here are the votes for governor, one vote each Jarrod Crockett, Butch Crockett, George Haines, Nancy Mercer, Susan Wight, John Coolidge. The winning two votes go to Neil Olson. Congratulations to you, Neil, once again. Mayoral votes, one each were: Arlene Harrington, Amos Kimball, John Wight, Sonny Hastings, Donny Walker, Jarrod Crockett and yes, I got one vote also. Thus, out of the votes for mayor, I would appreciate your tie-breaker votes. So call me at 507-1008 or e-mail me at heinrichcracker@gmail.com. Have fun in the sun. Until next week.

Locke's Mills

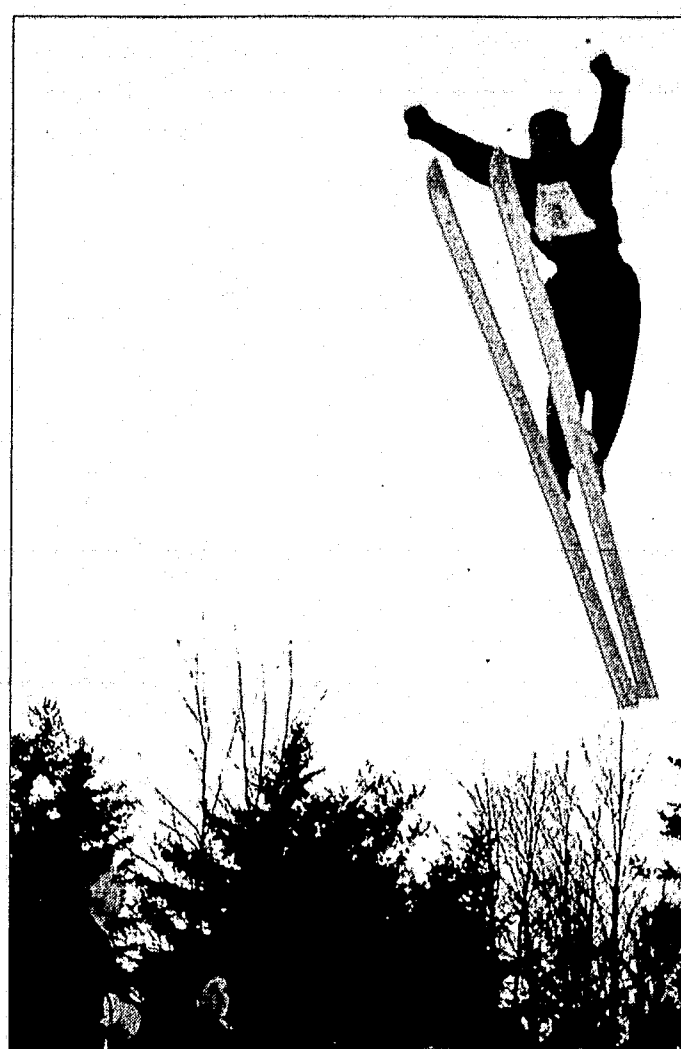
By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN



Well, it turns out that I was wrong about the North Pond loon couple - although they left one unhatched egg in their nest near Johnny's Bridge, they did succeed in hatching one adorable chick. Jane Chandler was the first one on the pond to notice the baby, after the parents had been off the nest for about five days. They must have been hiding it under their wings - a good idea, given the fact that the eagle parents are constantly patrolling the pond, looking for food for their own two big, hungry babies.

The new art exhibit at The Local Hub is of Betsey Foster's paintings, which will be on display throughout July. Betsey says some of the scenes will be familiar to locals, including one of the rummage sale at the Locke's Mills Union Church.

Betsey also did a painting of The Hub's bakery case and gave it to owners Michelle and Dara. That one is of particular interest to me, because it's the same bakery case I had when I ran my bakery on the corner of Route 26 and the East Bethel Road, from 2005 to 2008. I found it in Uncle Henry's and Tony went and picked it up. It was quite a challenge to get it home, and then up



REMINGTON BROTHERS AUTHOR "WE JUMPED," MAINE SKI JUMPING CHRONICLE-Tom and Bob Remington, Bethel natives, will officially release their book, "We Jumped" at Bethel's Mollycodd Day Festival on July 18. The book recounts ski jumping in Maine and New Hampshire from the 1950's to the 1980's through the memories of the two brothers. They chronicle ski jumping history, ski jumpers and ski jumping sites along with their stories and memories. Proceeds from the sale of the book will go to the Ski Museum of Maine. The Remingtons will be signing copies of their book at the Ski Museum booth on the Bethel Common from noon to 1 at the Mollycodd Day festivities. The book, which sells for \$15, is available on line at Amazon and Barnes and Noble along with a Kindle e-reader version. Says Bob Remington, ski coach and 2005 member of the Maine Ski Hall of Fame, "We need to preserve our ski history, both alpine and Nordic. I hope we'll sell lots of books to help the Ski Museum's mission." Founded in 1995, The Ski Museum of Maine is a 501(c)3 charitable organization established with the mission to celebrate and preserve the history and heritage of Maine skiing. The Ski Museum exhibits artifacts, photographs, artworks and documents at its location in Kingfield, conducts educational programs to ski clubs, schools, libraries, historical and civic organizations and hosts social events and activities throughout the year. (Submitted photo)

the porch stairs and inside without breaking any of the glass. When I closed my bakery, I sold the case to John Amann, who had a pizza place on the Sunday River Road at the time, and he must have sold it to Michelle and Dara when they bought The Hub. I'm always glad to see it there when I go in, especially since it's usually full of delicious treats.

Speaking of delicious treats, I made a few myself for the Fourth of July celebration we had at our camp, including four lemon meringue pies and a five-layer red, white, and blue cake that was assembled so that each slice looked like an American flag. Lots of work, and it reminded me why I don't bake for a living anymore, but it was worth it for all

the "oohs" and "ahhs."

Our gathering was in celebration not only of the holiday, but also of my brother Greg's retirement after teaching for more than 35 years at Norwich University in Vermont, my nephew Michael's 39th birthday (he was born on July 4, 1976, and he has had to suffer through birthday cakes with sparklers instead of candles all his life), and also of Michael's family's first trip "back East" from their home in Colorado since the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Summer. We had about 35 people and I think everyone had a wonderful time. It didn't rain, and the deck didn't fall off the camp when we all gathered on it at once, so I consider the party a great success.

I was sorry to miss the Greenwood Historical Society's meeting last week due to the arrival of the first wave of our holiday company, but I was glad to hear that the turnout was so big that the meeting had to be moved to the Town Hall. Our son Will went and he said the program on some of Greenwood's "colorful characters" was very entertaining.

Don't forget the West Paris Historical Society's meeting and program on vintage aprons, Monday, July 20. Potluck supper at 6:30 and meeting at 7:30.

E-mail your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, call 875-5511, or contact me on Facebook.

Andover

By JANE RICH



Tonight at 6:30 p.m. the Olde Home Day Committee will meet at the Town Hall to final-

ize plans for the three day event that begins July 31. Buttons and t-shirts should be out by the end of the week for those of you who are wondering where they are. If you are interested in Olde Home day please come out as we need some helpers to sell shirts and buttons and be on the bandstand on Aug. 1. Leo Camire is parade chairman and has things well in hand. Those plan-

2014 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Bethel Water District

Bethel, Maine
PWSID ME0090160

We're pleased to present to you our Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, also known as the Consumer Confidence Report. This report, a requirement of the 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act, is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

WATER SOURCE

Our water source comes from five drilled groundwater wells located in Bethel ranging from 36-40 feet in depth. The wells are treated with chlorine to protect from possible bacterial contaminants and fluoride to promote dental health. Our system serves a population of 1,405 customers through 656 service connections.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

The Maine Drinking Water Program (DWP) has evaluated all public water supplies as part of the Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP). The assessments included geology, hydrology, land uses, water testing information, and the extent of land ownership or protection by local ordinance to see how likely our drinking water source is to be contaminated by human activities in the future. Assessment results are available at public water suppliers, town offices, and the DWP. For more information about the SWAP, please contact the DWP at telephone 207-287-2070.

Waiver Information

Current waiver information: 1/1/2013-12/31/2015

In 2013 our system was granted a "Synthetic Organics Waiver." This is a three year exemption from the monitoring/reporting requirements for pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and other industrial chemicals. This waiver was granted due to the absence of these potential sources of contamination within half a mile of the water source.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water system, please contact Lucien Roberge, Superintendent, or Donald Kniffin, Assistant Superintendent, at telephone number 207-824-2342 or mailing address PO Box 104, Bethel, ME 04217. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Bethel Town Office Meeting Room on Main Street.

WATER QUALITY

Bethel Water District routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following table shows any detection resulting from our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2014.

The sources of drinking water include rivers, lakes, ponds and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from human or animal activity. All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
Pesticides and herbicides may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
Radioactive contaminants can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected through out water quality monitoring and testing. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

Bethel Water District had no violations in 2014

TEST RESULTS						
Unless otherwise noted, testing was done in 2014.						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants						
Total Coliform Bacteria	N	Absent	Highest monthly # of positive samples	0 positive	1 positive	Naturally present in the environment
Inorganic Contaminants						
Barium (8/5/14)	N	0.0049	ppm	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits
Copper* (1/1/13-12/31/13)	N	0.11	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Fluoride (6/20/14)	N	0.78	ppm	4	4	Water additive which promotes stronger teeth
Lead* (1/1/13-12/31/13)	N	5.0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Nitrate (8/5/14)	N	0.19	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

* = Reported results are the 90th percentile value (the value that 90% of all samples are less than).

Notes: The state allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Not all contaminants are tested for every year due to monitoring waivers and therefore we must use the most recent round of sampling. Some of our data is more than one year old, however, is limited to no older than 5 years.

Definitions:

Action Level (AL) - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfection Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Not Applicable (N/A) - Does not apply

Running Annual Average (RAA) - The average of all monthly or quarterly samples for the last year at all sample locations.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water (e.g. treatment technique for turbidity).

Variances, Exemptions, and Waivers - State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL, a treatment technique or test for a given contaminant under certain conditions.

Units:

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Parts per billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (µg/L) - One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Parts per million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/L) - One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - A measure of the radioactivity in water.

Notes:

Barium: Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.

Total Coliform Bacteria: Reported as the highest monthly number of positive samples, for water systems that take less than 40 samples per month.

Fluoride: For those systems that fluoride, fluoride levels must be maintained between 0.5 to 1.2 ppm. The optimum level is 0.7ppm.

Lead/Copper: Action levels (AL) are measured at consumer's tap. 90% of the tests must be equal to or below the action level; therefore, the listed results above have been calculated and are listed as the 90th percentile.

Nitrate: Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask advice from your health care provider.

Gross Alpha: Action level over 5pCi/L requires testing for Radium -226 and -228. Action level over 15 pCi/L requires testing for Uranium. Compliance is based on Gross Alpha results minus Uranium results = Net Gross Alpha.

Radon: The State of Maine adopted a Maximum Exposure Guideline (MEG) for Radon in drinking water at 4000 pCi/L, effective 1/1/07. If Radon exceeds the MEG in water, treatment is recommended. It is also advisable to test indoor air for Radon. The U.S.EPA is proposing setting federal standards for Radon in public drinking water.

THM/HAA5: Total Trihalomethanes (THM) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) are formed as a by-product of drinking water chlorination. This chemical reaction occurs when chlorine combines with naturally occurring organic matter in water. Compliance is based on running annual average.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Since our system chlorinates its water, we are required to report our annual average for chlorine residual. Chlorine Residual was found to be 0.25 ppm, with a range of 0.21 ppm to 0.35 ppm.

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets all Federal and State requirements.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

For most people, the health benefits of drinking plenty of water outweigh any possible health risk from these contaminants. However, some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Center of Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for thirty (30) seconds to two (2) minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

We, at Bethel Water District, work hard to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect and preserve our drinking water resources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future. Please contact us with any questions. Thank you for working together for safe drinking water.

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ning to enter a float should be at the transfer station road at 9 a.m. to line up. Remember there are cash prizes for first, second and third place - \$100, \$50 and \$25.

The theme is Celebrating Olde Home Day, honoring traditions and new beginnings.

This year is the 40th anniversary of the Andover Historical Society and the categories for the 64th Annual Flower Show are: A tradition you like best about Olde Home days 1980-2015, Friday night music on the Bandstand, Chicken Bar-B-Q at Fire Station, car Show at Akker's field, Kids games played at Andover School, Enjoying activities at Grimaldi Field, Starting up Andover's own School System, Historical Society organized 1974-2015, Olde Home Day Parade up Main Street, In memory of a Veteran, Gardens and Orchards and Single Specimens. Flyers with requirements for each category are available in local stores. My thanks to the Society for doing such a great job in keeping with the theme of this year's event.

Mark Farrington, Road Commissioner, reports that he is dealing with some beaver problems on the Littlehale and East B Hill Roads. These industrious creatures have managed to evade all attempts at keeping them out of a certain culvert despite grill work being installed.

Congratulations to Monica Clifford and Randall Amly who were united in marriage at Ruby Kulpa's, home, her grandmother, on July 2. The small, intimate ceremony was attended by family and friends against the backdrop of the mountains in the back yard followed by the traditional cake cutting.

Many area people and family journeyed into Rapid River to the Sugar Shack on Saturday to attend a memorial service in honor of Ray Chabot who passed away last October.

On a personal note, thank you to all the wonderful people at the West Parish Church for the warm welcome I received on Sunday as worship leader. My heel is still healing so I have some difficulty walking and standing, but I'm very much better than I was and just working on getting back my body strength.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



traffic going through Gilead all weekend.

My brother, Steve McLain, has been enjoy-

ing some vacation time from SAD 44 these past two weeks. He had a chance to get his garden planted. He has also been battling the fast growing grass in front of his house near Route 2 and the Welcome to Gilead sign.

Mary Tyler attended a family Fourth of July gathering at Jeff and Brenda Bergeron's house in Berlin, N.H. Brenda is Mary's niece and there were several other members of the family present. Lots of good food and family together time.

Tim and Michele Chapman attended the Fourth of July parade in Gorham, N.H. along with the children, Sidney Chapman and Ajay Landry. William Chapman was also in town over the weekend to spend some time with his family.

I have heard stories of the possibility of a bear that has been traveling around town during the night. We have seen some evidence that the stories are true.

One of our grandchildren, Ajay Landry, is turning 13 years old on July 9. Happy Birthday, Ajay.

Gilead Historical Society The Cold Bottled Water Project began over the Fourth of July weekend. We have set a goal over the past three years to earn enough money in donations to pay the electric bill for the buildings for the year. The first year, we met our goal, the second year we came close and last year we fell short by quite a bit. We are not discouraged and will try again this year.

The main object of this project is to have the historic buildings open for the public and have a little fun while we sit out there on the corner. We have met some very nice and interesting people over the past few years that have stopped to see what we were doing and check out the buildings.

On Saturday, Hugh and I sat out with the cooler full of cold bottled water. We did not fare too well with donations, but got to visit with a few people from out of town and some who are here part-time in the summer. Ted and Emmy Brown from Route 113 stopped by to visit for a while, paid their dues and helped fill the donation jar. While they were there Peter and Claudia Risbara came by with her brother, Paul. They were at their place for the weekend. They contributed to the cause, also.

On Sunday, Hugh and I decided to open up the buildings for a while and do some work while we were over there. Bob and Judy Bishop called and volunteered to run the Cold Bottled Water Project for the afternoon. Mary Tyler was also recruited. We all had a great visit, but very little action for customers.

Bill and Gale Tout wandered by and stopped to see what was going on at



DBA: Lil' Leapin' Lizards

Lil' Leapin' Lizards, owned by Travis Landes, has been in business for approximately five years, starting in Florida then moving to Maine in 2012 after he retired from the Navy. "We offer inflatables of all shapes and sizes including wet slides for summer fun," he said. "We have bounce castles, slides, and combination units with mini obstacles courses built in. We recently added a dunk tank to our inventory for fundraising, business events, and other special occasions." They also offer concessions such as cotton candy and ice cone machines along with generators for power and outdoor games for fun. LLL's motto is "Affordable Fun for Everyone!" Two different rental periods, four- and eight-hour, are available to fit any budget and for all occasions, big or small. For more information, go to www.leapinlizardrentals.com or call 207-478-4456.

(A. Wight Chapman)

the GHS. Very nice to see them and since they are around for the summer, we may run into them again.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY



Congratulations to Austin Bear of Hanover who was named winner of the MollyOckett Essay Challenge. Austin's essay entitled "Changes In Wabanaki Treatment Since MollyOckett's Day" was chosen from several essays submitted by both Telstar and Gould Academy students. Austin is the son of Andrew and Becky Bear of Hanover.

Austin's essay describes the white man's treatment of the native Wabanaki people since the exploration of the New World and the changes that have transpired over the years to the present day. He presents an historical timeline of how the Wabanaki suffered from having their land taken, from contracting white man's diseases and from the abuse and loss of their children and families. In his closing statement Austin says, "Slowly rising from the level of a 'savage' the Wabanaki are slowing breaking free of a prejudice that

tin is attending the Academy Introductory Mission Program at the US Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. The 6-day program immerses students in Academy tradition and cadet life and helps participants discover whether or not they possess the "mind, body and character to succeed at the US Coast Guard Academy."

Best of luck, Austin, in all of your future endeavors. Hanover is proud to have you as a representative of our community.

Congratulations are in order for two members of the greater Bethel community, Ms. Robin Zinchuk and Mr. Richard Blanco who are among the "50 Mainers Boldly Leading Our State" selected by Maine Magazine. Zinchuk is Executive Director of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce and president elect of the Bethel Rotary. Blanco was the Inaugural Poet for President Obama. Thank you both for your contributions to our community and the State of Maine. For a complete list and photos of the 50 recipients visit www.sbbphotography.com and click on 50 Mainers or pick up the July issue of Maine Magazine.

Joan Nichols participated in the "Trek Across Maine", a three-day 180-mile bike ride beginning at Sunday River Ski Resort and ending at Belfast. The annual fundraiser supports the American Lung Association. Congratulations, Joan, and thank you!

The Annual Meeting of the Gardner Roberts Memorial Library will take place on Tuesday, July 14 at 6 p.m. at the Library. Members of the community are welcome to attend.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



Upton House held its annual Charity Yard Sale Friday and Saturday, July 3 and 4. The proprietors wish to thank all who donated items, helped with set up, or made purchases. A special thanks to those who gave more than the asking price. They also thank Carol Norman and Leslie Aron of the Upton Ladies Aid for Breakfast-on-the-Porch and the Williamson/Bouchard family for their pulled-pork lunch. Another thank-you goes out to the five generous people who made donations Sunday.

The Upton Historical Society will meet Sunday, July 19.

The Letter B Notch Riders will meet Sunday, July 19.

There are 17 camps on Back Street. Nine of them

were occupied for all or part of the holiday weekend. (My count, from memory, while sitting on my recliner.)

The Upton selectmen will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 14 at the Town Office. Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



It is July and the weather is finally warm; at least on most days. We still have some cool mornings before it gets warm. That is fine with me.

Fourth of July was fairly quiet around here. I did hear some fireworks, but couldn't tell where from. Almost sounded like they were on the water, e.g. one of the lakes. In any case, they weren't late at night or really loud, either.

My favorite event for the year - the New Balance sale - occurred this week. I couldn't find boots, but bought shoes and a few sports bras. That was good.

The crowd was large but polite and moved quickly. That was good, too. I got what I needed and will wait till next year for more.

Thursday, July 9, Waterford Historical Society will discuss and explore mines - 7 p.m. at Wilkins House. Bob Spencer of South Waterford will speak. He has been doing extensive research into mining.

Anyone with recent memories of local mines is invited to come. Potluck refreshments will be served.

A historical walking tour will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 11, at the town house next to Keoka Town Beach in Waterford.

Waterford Library will hold their summer reading program beginning Wednesday, July 1, and continue every Wednesday.

The library hosts a Mine Craft Club at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays, and a knitting group every Monday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Monday, July 13, Socrates Café will be held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Waterford Library. FMI please call: 583-2050. Linda England will moderate.

Saturday, July 11 in Norway, the streets will be shut down for the Annual Arts Festival. Mountain Poets will be at the Weary Club presenting our Poets on the Porch Reading at 11 a.m. Come hear us read.

Must end here. My knees are mad and it is getting hot in here.

Have a great week. Stay cool and meet me at the Norway Arts Festival.

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Haddock Filet \$16

Chicken Parmesan \$15

Teriyaki Glazed Salmon \$15

Lobster Ravioli \$18

Stir Fry \$15

PIZZA

Classic Cheese \$10

Loaded Loon \$13

Quattro Fromaggi \$14

David's Delight \$12

BASKETS

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Scallops \$18

Clams \$16

Shrimp \$14

Haddock \$13

Chicken Tenders \$11

SIDES

Cole Slaw \$3

Baked Potato \$3

Hand-Cut Fries \$4

Onion Rings \$4

Caesar Salad \$4

Garden Salad \$4

Sauteed Vegetables \$4

DESSERTS

Tiramisu \$6

Seasonal Fruit Pie \$5

Brownie Sundae \$6

Cream Pie \$6

The **DINING ROOM AND DECKS** are open every evening from 5 PM to 9 PM, seven nights a week through Sunday of Labor Day weekend.

The **LOON EXPRESS** is open daily for take-out or dining at a picnic table or on the deck from noon to 4 PM.

Our **ICE CREAM WINDOW** Open daily noon to 8PM.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Sympathy is extended to Charlie and Lois Howe and family on the loss of

their son Dave.

Also to the family of Den Corrin and to Dr. Harper on the loss of his wife.

Judith Grover Tent 17 DUVCW will meet on Monday, July 13 at the Grange Hall. Several members attended the Dept. of Maine Convention in Waterville on Friday, June 26. Vicky Myers went in as Dept. President and Elsie Bonney retired from that position after four years. An interesting program was presented at the Granddaughters' Breakfast on the witness trees in Gettysburg Cemetery.

The Woodstock Historical Society will meet on Saturday, July 11 at 6 p.m.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m.

Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, Bloom for Girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 and up. Sunday afternoon at 3:30 is a church service at Newry Church. Tuesday, July 14 is Coffee Cup Devotions at the fellowship hall at 9 a.m. All ladies are welcome to attend.

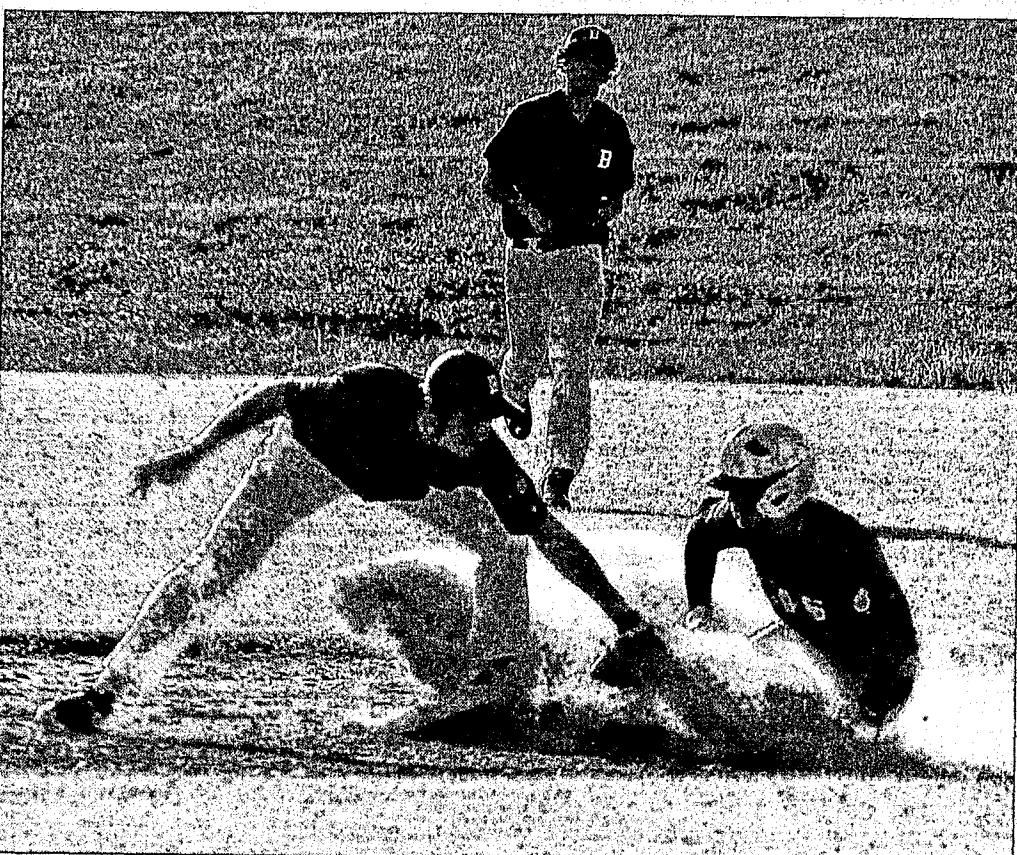
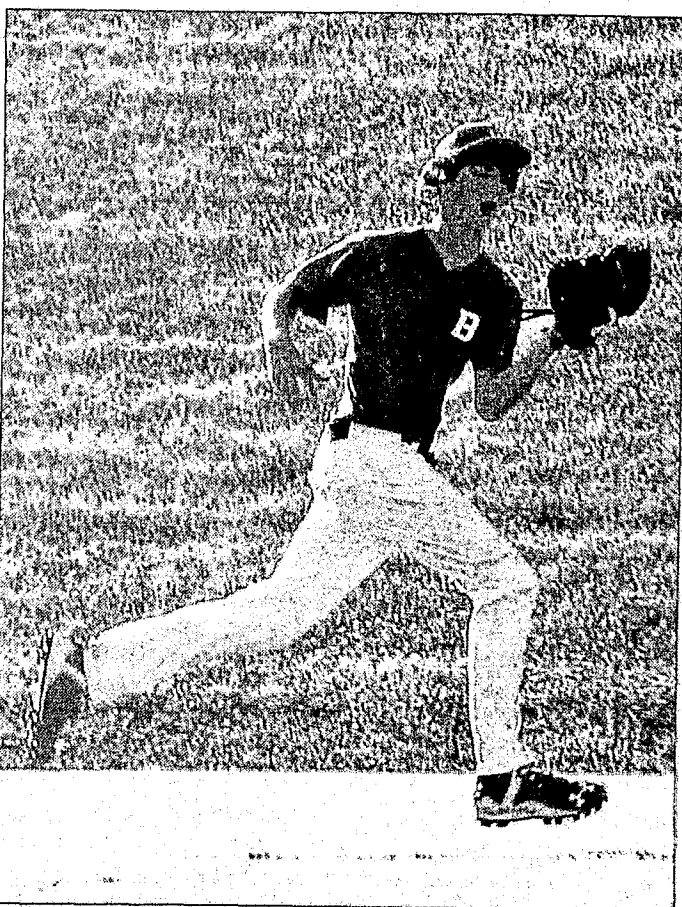
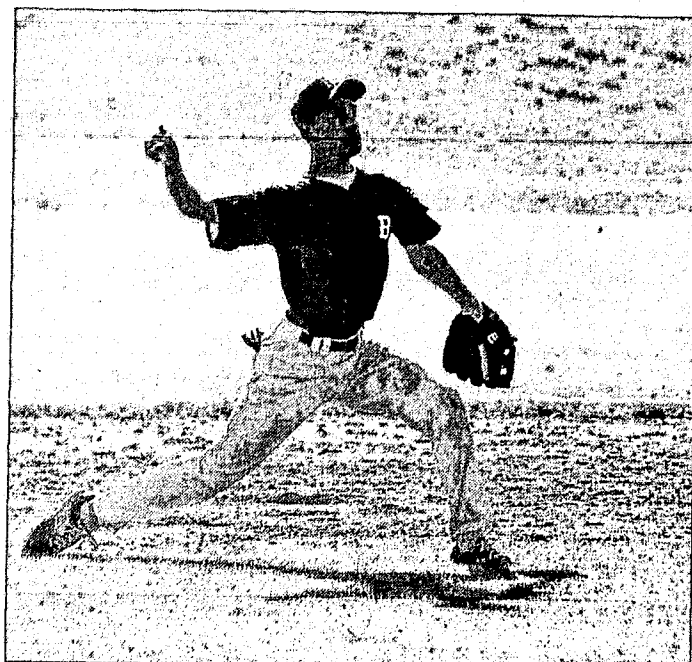
Vacation Bible School "Camp Killimanjaro" will be held from July 27 to July 31, 6 to 7:30 p.m. All children welcome.

Franklin Grange will meet at the hall on Monday, July 20 at 7 p.m.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met at the Grange Hall on Thursday, July 2. Dinner was put on by the Grange and the program was a game party. Next month, August, will be a picnic. Each one is to bring a dish to share and your own place setting.

Copies of Larry Billings' memoir on the famous people he has met have been given to the Bethel and Woodstock historical societies.

The BHS will make copies for anyone requesting one.



JUNIOR LEGION BASEBALL—In a 7-1 win last week over Augusta, Bethel's Junior Legion Bobcats (ages 13-15) made some good plays in the field. Clockwise, from above: third baseman Jake Kraske prepares to throw a player out at first; first baseman Josh Eliot catches the ball for the out; shortstop Hunter Day tags out an Augusta runner trying to steal second on a throw from catcher Mason Henley; center fielder Tanner Wheeler snags a fly ball for an out. The Bobcats won with great pitching from Josh Eliot (from Bethel), Marcus Wentworth (Woodstock) and Jacob Beauchesne (Rumford), according to Coach Ski Bennett. "Bethel allowed just two hits from Augusta and had consistent solid defense throughout the game," he said. Wentworth, Eliot and Beauchesne each had two singles; Wheeler (Bethel) had a double and a single, and Henley (Bryant Pond) and Matthew Bennett (Bethel) each had singles.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

2015 Agriculture & Conservation Family Day at Waterford Fair

On Friday, July 17, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Waterford Fair will present a special, free event devoted to Agriculture and Conservation for the whole family to enjoy. The theme for this year's event is "It's All in the Soil." Scattered over the grounds will be "Learning Stations" where a brief visit will teach folks about such diverse sub-

jects as Preserving Food, Recycling, "Bare" Facts, Tree ID and Products, and several Soils sites. Along with these will be many more, with an emphasis on farming and farm animals. Fair-goers will be able to talk with experts about draft horses, oxen, bees, blacksmithing and fibers. If that's not enough, there's also Brendi's famous Old McDonald's Farm where the animals will take all the petting you care to give! Old-fash-

ioned games will be set up for whole families to enjoy — marbles, jump rope, bean bag toss, ladder toss, and hula hoop. One of the highlights for young and old alike is "How to Make Really Big Bubbles" (and we give you the recipe)! Once again this year the fair is presenting a fantastic new program entitled "Little Hands for Agriculture" where youngsters up to ten years of age can put on an apron, grab a basket, feed the animals and

collect the produce to take to the Farmer's Market, where it will be displayed and they will receive "Fair Dollars" that may then be taken to the Farm Store to purchase goods. This is an award-winning program that is spreading across the country to fairs from Maine to California. As always, the Norway Police Department will be on hand to talk to the children and let them get a close-up look at a police car. This simple meet and greet with law enforcement can make a huge difference in how your child can handle an emergency where the police need to be involved. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy in the shade or eat at the incredibly delicious Waterford Fair Food Booth and

have an ice cream for dessert. There's all of this and more on Agriculture & Conservation Family Day at Waterford Fair. This event is sponsored by Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District. For more information, please call 743-5789, ext. 101/111 or e-mail us at oxfordcountyswd@gmail.com.

Please use the livestock entrance (second on the left) for Agriculture & Conservation Day. Running concurrently will be the Seniors Day with a free meal provided by the Waterford Fair Association. Seniors will be entering through the first gate on the left.

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Anyone interested in adopting a pet from RPC can visit the shelter at 9 Swallow Road in South Paris Tues, Wed, Thurs: 12-4 pm; Fri: 12-6 pm; Sat & Sun: 12-5 pm. Most of the adoptable pets and the adoption application can be found online on the shelter's website at www.rpc.petfinder.com. For answers to questions about adopting or fostering a pet, or to make an inquiry about a lost animal, call Responsible Pet Care after noon at 743-8679.

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Bethel Art Fair and July 4 concert



The Bethel Historical Society's July 4th picnic and concert by the Portland Brass Quintet drew a large crowd across the street from the Bethel Art Fair.



One of the ARTirondack chairs up for auction by the Mahoosuc Arts Council July 18.



The audience applauds music by the Portland Brass Quintet.



Women look over pottery for sale at the fair.



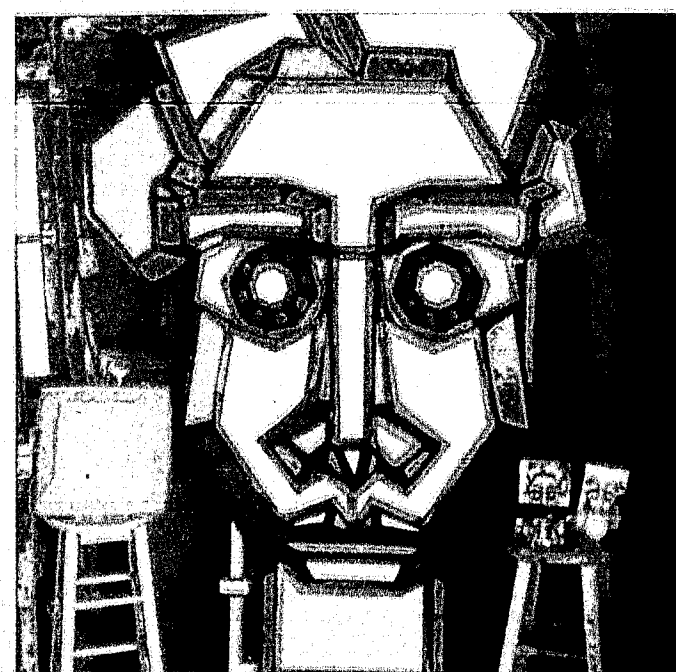
Artists Erik Koeppel and Lauren Sansaricq displayed their work at the Bethel Historical Society's "Secluded Glens & Noble Landscapes: Traditional White Mountain Recaptured."



Show-goers browse the art booths. For Art Fair winners, see Page 10.



Art on display on the Common.



The Shy, Novice & Closeted Art Show included this piece, "The Mask," by Jared Eastman, made with duct tape and cardboard. (Photos: mask, D. Bennett; others, A. Aloisio)

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News from the

Bethel Historical Society

Museums Open
for the Summer

The Museums of the Bethel Historical Society opened for the regular summer season on Thursday, July 2. At the 1821 Robinson House, the exhibit "In the Field & On the Homefront: Bethel During the Civil War" will remain on view through 2015. An impressive collection of Maine-related Civil War insignia and memorabilia have recently been added to this display. Also at the Robinson House is "Gould through the Years: Selections from the Academy Archives." On Aug. 20, a new, expanded exhibit about Bethel and the surrounding area will open in two second-floor galleries here.

On the first floor of the Robinson House, the Museum Shop features items inspired by the Bethel Historical Society's museum and research library collections, as well as books, gifts, and special publications associated with past and current exhibits. Many of the books currently in stock relate to the history of area towns, logging and lumbering, architecture, decorative arts, Native Americans, the White Mountains, railroads, the Civil War, art, and crafts. Among available gift offerings are DVDs and CDs; maps; postcards; cross-stitch kits (including a reproduction of an 1841 sampler in the Society's collection); children's activity books, old-fashioned folk toys and Roy-Toy log building sets; Sunday River covered bridge mouse pads, note cards, pins and magnets; folk art paintings and prints in the style of Rufus Porter and Jonathan D. Poor; paintings by local artists; and craft work by local artisans. An area of the Shop is also devoted to books and gifts on sale at substantially reduced prices.

Next door at the 1813 Dr. Moses Mason House, special "Yankee Ingenuity Museum Trail" tours of the nine period rooms will take place Thursday through Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. Yankee Ingenuity refers to the creative, innovative and adaptive nature of those living and working in New England. Faced with the harsh conditions of the Northeast, they became enterprising, self-reliant and gained "know-how." Twelve museums across Maine have come together in 2015 to form the Yankee Ingenuity Museum Trail. Each museum is providing special tours and/or exhibits to help visitors experience the various ways Mainers and fellow New Englanders used Yankee Ingenuity to make their lives better.

Last, but certainly not least, this summer's special exhibition at the Museums of the Bethel Historical Society is located on the first floor of the former Mason barn. Entitled "Secluded Glens & Noble Landscapes: Traditional White Mountain Art Recaptured," the display is based on a highly popular art show mounted at the Society in 2013. This second exhibition features over 20 nineteenth century White Mountain landscapes, plus a large selection

of outstanding contemporary paintings in the Hudson River School manner by nationally-recognized plein air artists Erik Koepfel and Lauren Sansaricq of Jackson, N.H. As was the case in 2013, the contemporary White Mountain paintings in the summer exhibit are available for purchase, with a portion of each sale supporting the Bethel Historical Society's general operations. The art exhibit is free and open to the public from 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday until the end of August.

Community Picnic
& Concert a Success

Bethel's annual Fourth of July Community Picnic and Concert took place on the side lawn of the Mason House, starting at 11:30 a.m. Nearly 200 people, many here for the nearby Art Fair, were in attendance to hear a concert by the Portland Brass Quintet - a performance dedicated to the memory of Richard C. Valentine, a long-time event sponsor and BHS member who passed away earlier this year. The event opened with remarks by Society President Tineke Ouwinga, followed by observations on the occasion from State Senator John Patrick of Rumford. After presentation of the colors by members of the American Legion, and the playing of the National Anthem, the program continued with a selection of lively music appropriate to the occasion. A very special addition at this year's event was the display of the impressive "Honor the Brave" flag quilt created by BHS trustee Donna Gillis.

The Society is sincerely grateful to the following individuals and organizations for their support of the Fourth of July Concert: William and Debby Andrews, Brendon and Jean Bass, Jim and Julia Bennett, Randall H. Bennett, Donald M. Christie, Jr., Norm and Sylvia Clanton, Linc and Sue Fiske, Jeri B. Greenwell, Walter and Carolyn Hatch, Susan Herlihy, Barbara H. Honkala, Stanley R. Howe, William Kieffer III and James May, David Kristol and Marjorie Brandriss, Lynne and Bud Kulik, John and Rosemary Laban, Barbara H. Lapham, Jim and Linda Macgregor, Rose Mary and James McLean, Nancy H. Mercer, Thomas Mitchell, Catherine Newell, Jack and Lucy Nordahl, Carolyn J. Nygren, Marvin and Tineke Ouwinga, Jean K. Owen, Jim and Lucia Owen, Patricia Owen, Peggy Paine (in memory of Richard Valentine), Pat's Pizza/Donna and John Gillis, Charles and Frances Richmond, Marilyn Sahlberg, Eric and Lucia Schwarz, Henry and Pat Stewart, Janet Stowell, Richard and Sally Taylor, the Town of Bethel, William Ullman, the Estate of Richard C. Valentine, Frank and Janie Vogt, Dean and Priscella Walker, and Peggy and Steve Wight.

MLT program on edible
wild plants, mushrooms

The Mahoosuc Land Trust continues its "This Is Your Backyard" series on Thursday, July 16, with a presentation by naturalist Russ Cohen, who will speak on "These Are Your Edible Wild Plants and Mushrooms." The event will be held at the Albany Town House, at the intersection of Vernon Street (approximately 7 miles from Main Street, Bethel) and Hunt's Corner Road. His presentation will begin at 7PM.

Mr. Cohen, professional environmentalist and wild food enthusiast, has taught and lectured extensively on food that can be found in the wild. He has contributed articles to several New England magazines and has provided foraged food recipes for PBS's "Victory Garden." He has received regional awards in recognition of his rivers work and foraging programs. He is the author of "Wild Plants I Have Known . . . and Eaten."

To follow this program, Mr. Cohen will accompany the July 17 leg of the Source to the Sea canoe trek, where his presentation on edible wild plants will be the river event of the day.

That leg will depart from the Shelburne Village Put-in at 8:30 a.m. For more information, see <http://arwc.camp7.org/page-1856730>.

The Mahoosuc Land Trust is an accredited community land trust encouraging public interest in conservation in central Oxford County and eastern Coos County, NH, supporting a balance of growth and conservation and emphasizing sustainable and traditional land uses. For more visit www.mahoosuc.org or call 207-824-3806.

Art Fair winners

July 4 brought together some of the finest artist and artisan crafter from Maine and beyond for the Bethel Art Fair, presented by the Mahoosuc Arts Council.

To recognize the beauty and skill of the artists represented, the council awards best of show, 2nd, 3rd and honorable mention in fine art, photography and artisan craft. This year's judge, Nano Zachary, hails from Mountain Arts at Sugarloaf. We are pleased to announce ribbon winners in the following categories:

FINE ART

1. Lori Austill of South Portland
2. Kathleen Perelka of Caanan
3. Luke Pallocha of Newry

H.M. A.L. Poland of Oxford

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1. Rex Holsapple of Mount Vernon
2. Johnna Haskell of Carrabassett Valley
3. Scott Perry of Farmington

H.M. Scott Ainsworth of North Monmouth

ARTISAN CRAFTS

1. Diane Wheeler
2. Jill Ross of Brunswick
3. Jennifer Butts of Brunswick

H.M. Susan Sidwell of Lovell

For photos of all the artists, please visit our

Facebook page. FMI: www.mahoosucarts.org

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Laird Bean.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Linda Couture, pastor. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church- Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. 1063 South Main St. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor and Nicholas Lutz, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults, teens and children; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs-5th grade). Thursdays: 5-7 p.m. Middle and High School Youth Group. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter. The third Sunday of every month at 9 a.m. breakfast open to the public, no charge. Morning Worship 10:30. Wednesday evening 6 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact Elaine Carter 415-9136, or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Bethel Episcopal House Church - Bethel House Church meets the third Sunday of each month at 4 p.m. The location will rotate among member homes and the Intervale Meeting House, and The Rev. Nancy Moore from Christ Episcopal, Norway, leads the service and Eucharist. All are invited. FMI contact Rosemary Laban at 850-766-1241 or Christ Episcopal Church at 207-743-6782.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Route 26). Fr. Gregory Dube may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 824-2933.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street. Rev. Richard Ben-

nett. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689.

United Methodist - 79 Main Street. Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship service 9 a.m. FMI: 824-2027.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533.

Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30 to 5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). FMI: 836-2828. Visit us on our Facebook page.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. (North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational Churches will hold their joint services in the church on Route 5 in East Stoneham during May.) Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 to 10 a.m. Choir practice at the church every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 875-3355.

NEWRY

Newry Community Church - Pastor Matthew Jones. Service at 3:30 p.m.

NORTH WATERFORD/
STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish (North Waterford and East Stoneham) - Summer services at 9 a.m. in the North Waterford Church on Route 35 across from Melby's Eatery. On July 20 a special-and casual--church service will be held on the Fairgrounds during the Waterford World's Fair, with shuttle service available on site. In September, services will return to the East Stoneham Church, Route 5, and the regular hour of 10. All are welcome.

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wednesday Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 207-890-9944 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, South Paris. Pastor Nancy Moore. Sunday morning service 11 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Singsperation third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m. FMI: 689-8000.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, South Paris across the park from the Post Office. FMI: call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Services Sunday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday at 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 743-6782; e-mail christch@megalink.net.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service, Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake. FMI 743-2491.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. FMI 743-2806.

Unitarian Universalist - Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept. - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. FMI 743-2828.

GORHAM, N.H.

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI: 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI: 603-466-2136.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, 8:30 a.m., followed by coffee and refreshments.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m. 207-388-2610.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church-208 Main St., W. Paris. 9 a.m. services September to June. FMI: Bob Clifford 674-3442.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship-9:45 a.m.; Sunday School- 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth- 6 p.m. Word of Life Olympians (kids club) -6 p.m. Wednesday. Ladies' Bible Study- Monday, 6:30 p.m. Food pantry for West Paris residents, first and third Tuesdays of month, 1-3 p.m. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Midweek Service Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson 207-527-2551, Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

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College Grad

AUSTIN JODREY

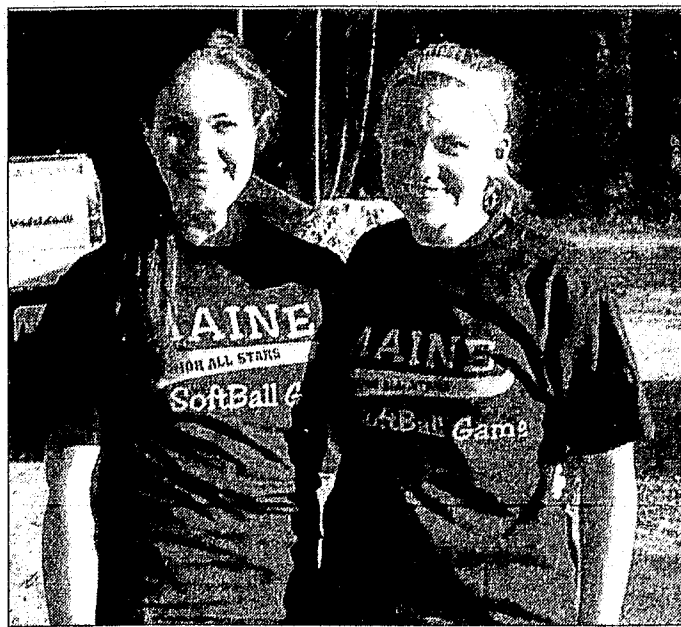
Austin Jodrey graduated from the University of Vermont in Burlington with a major in Economics and a minor in Business.

He is the son of Michael and the late Celina Jodrey of Bethel, and grandson of Arlan and Ellie Jodrey.

Dean's List

UEL D. GARDNER

Sophomore Biology major Uel D. Gardner of Albany was recently named to the Virginia Military Institute Dean's List. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a cadet must have a term grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and no grade below C. Cadet Gardner is the son of Ms. Susan M Gardner and Mr. Uel J. Gardner.



THS PLAYERS IN ALL-STAR GAME

2015 THS grads Katie Merrill and Sadie Ellsworth recently participated in the Maine Softball Coaches Association Senior Softball All-Star Game at Cony High School in Augusta. The pair were among eight other Western Class C and D seniors selected to play against the East Squad. Sadie caught all nine innings and Katie patrolled right field. The East beat the West by a score of 8-7, but it was a great game and Sadie contributed by getting two hits. The girls got to play with seniors from Hall-Dale, Buckfield, Richmond, Greenville, Searsport, and Vinalhaven. Sadie also qualified for a Maine-New Hampshire showcase June 30 in a double header at St. Joe's. These two end their final season as Western Maine C Champions for 2015 and State Runners-Up capping off a stellar four year Lady Rebel careers. We wish them and their other two senior teammates Annie Cushman and Vanessa Godwin all the best. - Coaches Mark Kenney and Jim Lunney

(Submitted photo)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

Scribner's Sawmill and Homestead Tours; 1 to 4 p.m., first and third Saturdays of the month throughout the summer. A minimum \$5 donation per adult is requested. All funds are used for the continued restoration of the site. To schedule a group tour or school field trip, call Nancy Grigg (674-4459). To arrange for a private tour, call 583-6455.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 3 p.m., Evening paddle: Wildlife Refuge to Steamer Diamond. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androskogginwatershed.org) or visit <http://androskogginwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

Annual Artist's Reception and Open House; 3 to 6 p.m., Harvest Gold Gallery, 1082 Main Street, Center Lovell. This is an opportunity for customers and community to mingle with talented local artists, authors and craftsmen and explore what Bill and Lynda have put together for the season. Hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Errol, N.H. to Islands Bridge. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androskogginwatershed.org) or visit <http://androskogginwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

Texas Hold-em Poker Tournament; 1 p.m. (doors open at noon), Jackson Silver American Legion Post 68, 595 Gore Road, Locke's Mills. Entry fee: \$50 plus \$5 license fee. Optional tickets for high hand, 50/50 and pull-tabs. Refreshments available. BYOB.

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Workshop; 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. There will be a demonstration on how to take off honey frames from the club hive, extracting, and bottling honey to sell at the Waterford World's Fair, so bring your vells. Public's welcome. FMI: Kevin (farrou@roadrunner.com), or visit www.maine-honeybees.com.

Public Supper; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., West Bethel Union Church. Adults \$8, children under 12, \$3. Woodstock Historical Society Meeting; 6 p.m., Museum building. Following the meeting, Wayne Howe will show the video of the 'Ghost Walk' at Hicks Cemetery sponsored by the Greenwood Historical Society in 2014. All are welcome.

Swingin' Bears Square Dance and Ice Cream Social; 7 to 10 p.m., Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine Street South Paris. Caller: Ray Hilton. Cues: Carol Arseneault. Level: Mainstream/Plus. Build your own ice cream sundae, door prizes, 50/50 drawing. \$6 per person. Non-dancers welcome at no charge. FMI: Carla and Paul (781-864-0919 or 891-6971).

SUNDAY, JULY 12

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., 7 Island Bridge to Pontook Dam/Pontook Boffinger. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androskogginwatershed.org) or visit <http://androskogginwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

MONDAY, JULY 13

Woodstock Republican Committee Meeting; 6 p.m., 61 Rumford Avenue, Bryant Pond. The Woodstock Republican Committee will be meeting to review the Woodstock Bicentennial and discuss plans for our next event. This is an opportunity to meet like-minded people in your community. The challenges that affect working people in Maine and the United States, the progress made, and what citizens can do to ensure Maine and its people keep moving forward will also be discussed. All Republicans registered in the Town of Woodstock are welcome. Please call 665-2049 to RSVP or for more information.

9th Annual Music Without Borders FESTIVAL HISTORY

Tamara Poddubnaya first visited Gould Academy in the spring of 2007, when she at once saw the potential of this All-Steinway School and its small-town location as a perfect place for bringing promising young pianists together for intensive study. Music without Borders brings together a truly international group of students who perform for a growing audience of admiring local residents and summer visitors. Over the years, many students have returned for several Festivals.



Concerts are Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday June 30 - July 25th.

7:30 p.m., at the McLaughlin Science Center, Gould Academy, Bethel. Open to the public at no charge. FMI: musicwoborders.com

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Topic: Should voting be mandated? Moderator: Linda England. Light refreshments provided. FMI: 583-6957.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

Supper Dance; 4 p.m., American Legion Hall, Locke's Mills. Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad and strawberry shortcake. Music by the Shadagee Ramblers. Adults \$10 supper and dance, \$7 supper only, children \$3.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 9 a.m., Hike Mt. Jerico, Berlin, N.H. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androskogginwatershed.org) or visit <http://androskogginwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>. **Makem & Spain, Bethel Celtic Concert;** 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Main Street, Bethel. For reservations call 824-2328. Tickets: \$15 (Students \$5). FMI: www.necelticarts.com.

JULY 16, 23, 30, AUG. 6, 13, 20

Main Savvy Caregiver 1 Training; 2 to 4 p.m., DHHS, 243 Main Street, South Paris. If you are caring for a family member with dementia, this training will help you learn how to take care of yourself and reduce stress and also communicate more easily with your loved one. This is a 6-week workshop, with each session lasting two hours. This class is free but pre-registration is required. Call SeniorsPlus at 1-800-427-1241 to reserve a seat.

THURSDAY, JULY 16

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 3 p.m., After hours paddle: Nansen Wayside to Berlin, N.H. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androskogginwatershed.org) or visit <http://androskogginwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>. **Breau's Too Cruise Night;** 5:30 to 7:30, Breau's Too parking lot, Bryant Pond. FMI: 665-2554.

JULY 17 AND 18

Flea Market and Food Sale; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., North Waterford Church, Route 35, opposite Melby's. Tables will be \$10 per day or \$15 for both days. Reserve a table by calling 583-2822.

FRIDAY, JULY 17

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Shelburne to Gilead. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androskogginwatershed.org) or visit <http://androskogginwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

Pancake Breakfast at Bethel Masonic Lodge; 7 to 10 a.m. **MollyOckett Day Classic Race** by the Bethel Outing Club; Kids' 1-mile race at 8:15, 5-mile race and 2-mile walk at 9 a.m. Online registration at RunReg.com through July 16, or day of registration

at the event. First 100 to sign up get a T-shirt and number. Pick-up starts at 7 a.m. on the lawn near the Bethel Common.

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Gilead to Bethel. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androskogginwatershed.org) or visit <http://androskogginwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

Indoor Yard Sale and Cookie Walk; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., United Methodist Church, 79 Main Street, Bethel. Household items, dishes, collectibles, holiday decorations, free bottled water and cold beverages.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Bethel to Hanover. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androskogginwatershed.org) or visit <http://androskogginwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

Albany Church Meeting; 10:30 a.m.

Bethel Episcopal House Church; 4 p.m., Intervale Meeting House, Bethel. The Rev. Nancy Moore from Christ Episcopal Church, Norway, will conduct the service and Holy Eucharist. All are invited to attend. For more information, contact Rosemary Laban at 850-766-1241 or Christ Episcopal Church at 207-743-6782.

JULY 21, 22 AND 23

Rummage Sale; 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon Thursday, Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris. Any donations will be graciously accepted.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 9 a.m. Hike Step Falls. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androskogginwatershed.org) or visit <http://androskogginwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Hanover to Rumford. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androskogginwatershed.org) or visit <http://androskogginwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Mexico to Dixfield. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androskogginwatershed.org) or visit <http://androskogginwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Dixfield to Canton. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androskogginwatershed.org) or visit <http://androskogginwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

SUNDAY, JULY 26

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Canton to Snoopy. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androskogginwatershed.org) or visit <http://androskogginwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Livermore Falls to Twin. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androskogginwatershed.org) or visit <http://androskogginwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

The Stanfields, Bethel Celtic Concert; 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Main Street, Bethel. For reservations call 824-2328. Tickets: \$15 (Students \$5). FMI: www.necelticarts.com.

THURSDAY, JULY 30

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 5:30 p.m., After hours paddle at Otis Mill in Jay. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androskogginwatershed.org) or visit <http://androskogginwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Twin Bridges to Center Bridge. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androskogginwatershed.org) or visit <http://androskogginwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

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Cyclists from Climate Journey visit Bethel

As climate change negotiators, concerned citizens, and policymakers worldwide are preparing to descend on Paris this December for the 21st United Nations Climate Change Conference, Morgan Curtis, 23, and Garrett Blad, 23, are taking a rather unconventional path. They are embarking on Climate Journey, a 10,000-km bicycle expedition on their way to the long-awaited conference, where the next global climate agreement is to be decided upon. Moving slowly over five months between New England and Paris, they are traveling through Maine, eastern Canada, Iceland, Scandinavia and the UK.

As they traveled through Maine they spoke with local people on their actions in response to climate change. With Curtis writing and Blad photographing, filming, collaging and painting, they are communicating stories of individuals and communities mobilizing for a just transition to a climate-stable future. Their plans included visiting Chewonki Semester School in Wiscasset, where Curtis was the 2014-15 Sustainability Fellow, as well as Belfast Cohousing & Ecovillage and the Beehive Design Collective in Machias. They see their storytelling from this journey as a tool for inspiring followers from around the world, both to push for a binding, ambitious and equitable global climate treaty in Paris, and for grassroots climate action in 2016 and beyond.

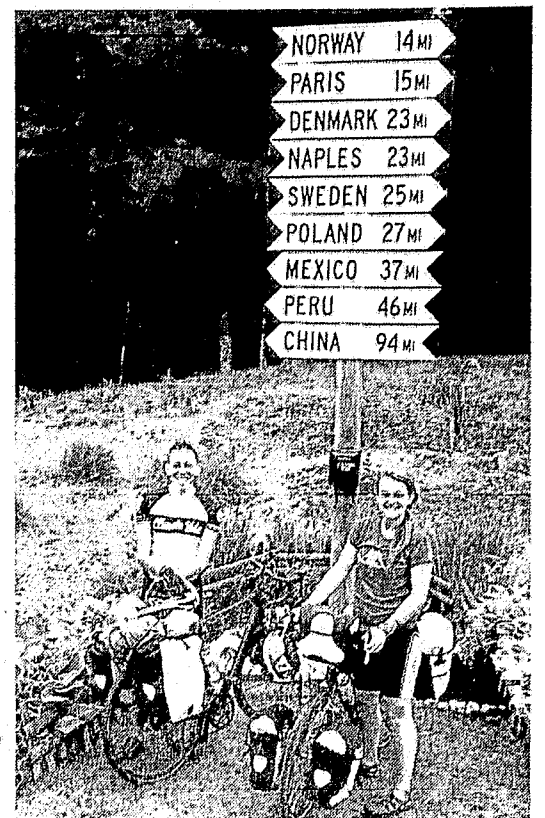
On arrival in Paris, the two will be delegates within the conference, working alongside other leading U.S. youth climate activists with SustainUS, a group that has been sending youth delegations to United Nations conferences since 2003.

While negotiating on behalf of their own and future generations, Curtis believes that "it is crucial that we make heard the voices of those taking action on the frontlines of the climate crisis." She hopes that decision makers, who have been negotiating climate change "for as long as I have been alive," will step strongly towards the right side of history, universally ratifying a treaty that mandates emissions cuts from all countries, and "most especially, demands leadership from developed countries, providing the finance needed to keep fossil fuels in the ground."

"I am setting out on my bicycle because I feel complicit in the unjust systems that are driving climate change," Blad said. "With the knowledge and questions that I have, I cannot sit idle. During Climate Journey, we will highlight the voices of others who feel their interconnection with others on the planet and have decided to act. We go out not in search of answers, but with a willingness to listen and be humbled by the courage and resilience of those on the frontlines, hoping their stories will galvanize others to take bold action."

NOT THAT PARIS

Garrett Blad and Morgan Curtis at the international sign at the corner of Routes 5 and 118 near the Albany/Waterford line. The two are cycling their way to the 21st United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris, France.



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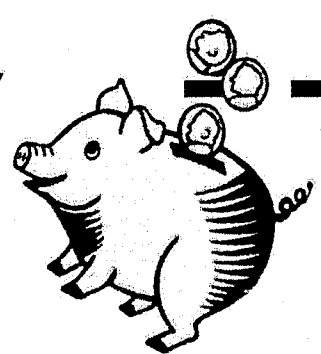
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Obituaries



JOEL MILLS

Joel Mills, of Bethel, died unexpectedly on July 3, 2015 at the age of 39.

He was born in Norway on Sept. 16, 1975 to Randolph "Randy" Mills and Cynthia "Cyndi" Wheeler Mills.

Joel was a skilled self-employed painter and was the owner of Fine Lines Painting. He loved the outdoors and was passionate about hunting. Joel's witty sense of humor has left us with many great memories. His greatest joy came from spending time with his children and family that loved him unconditionally.

Joel is survived by his father Randy and step mother Joyce and his mother Cyndi of Bethel; son Nicholas "Nick" Mills of Washington; Skye Mills of Mexico; brother Isaac McAllister of Bethel; three sisters: Harmony Mills, fiancé Tom James and their two sons Myles and Pason James of Bethel; Crystal, her husband Adam Cummings and their daughter Hayley of Danvers, Mass. and Shylo McAllister of Bethel, grandmother, Elizabeth Mills of Rumford.

Joel is predeceased by his paternal grandfather Robert Mills, and maternal grandparents Ted and Barb Wheeler.

Joel was blessed to have numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends that loved him dearly.

An informal celebration of life will be held at the home of Bonnie & John Marshall, Route 2 East, Bethel on Friday, July 10 at 3:30 p.m.



EVELYN A. HARPER

Evelyn A. Harper, 99 died Saturday, June 27 at her home.

She was born in Farmingdale, May 26, 1916 a daughter of Horace A. and Bessie E. Jones Small. She graduated from Gardiner High School, Maine General Hospital Nursing School and in Boston she graduated as a RN Nurse Anesthetist.

She was a 1st Lt. in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps at the 67th Army General Hospital where she met Dr. Harry Harper due to the same birthdays and profession, and spent 34 months in England. She married him on Oct. 17, 1945.

Evelyn was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, and many years as a member of the Stephens Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She volunteered for many other organizations as well. An avid golfer, she was a life member and club champion at Norway Country Club.

Survivors include her husband of South Paris, son John A. of Wiscasset, daughter Jane E. Frechette and her husband Richard of Norway; grandchildren Melissa and Matthew Harper, Carri Frechette, Kayla Hoke and her husband Jared, Laura Harper, Joanna Fadden and her husband George; great grandchildren Danielle Harper, Harper Logan McConnell and Alaric Hoke; a sister Connie Wing of Gardiner, and

many nieces and nephews. Evelyn was predeceased by a son Joseph who died March 13, 1996, and siblings Harold Small, Ann Jenkins, Ruth Sharp and Betty Small.

The family would like to thank Charlotte Varney of Oxford for all of her care and devotion that made it possible for Evelyn to stay in her own home. On line condolences may be shared with her family at www.oxfordhillsfuneralservices.com.

Family and friends may attend a memorial service on Saturday, July 11 at 1pm at Christ Episcopal Church, Paris Street, Norway.

In lieu of flowers donations in her memory may be made to Christ Episcopal Church or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the care of Oxford Hills Funeral Service, 1037 Main Street, Oxford.

LYLE E. WIGGIN

Lyle Edward Wiggins of Bryant Pond died peacefully at The Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris July 4, 2015 at the age of 84.

Lyle was born on Oct. 11 in Stow to Fred and Mariette Wiggins. He grew up on the family farm in Chatham, N.H. He attended local elementary schools and then graduated from Fryeburg Academy.

He joined the United States Air Force after high school and served during the Korean War. He finished his service as Staff Sergeant in 1954 and was awarded The National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal.

He continued his government service when he joined the United States Forest Service based in the Evans Notch Ranger District. His first Forest Service position was that of fire tower lookout. He worked as a Forestry Technician for 35 years and retired in 1987.

He married his wife Linda, in 1981 and settled in

the village of Bryant Pond. During the next 33 years he worked and helped raise his family. Lyle and wife, Linda, were foster parents to over 100 children. He was best known to the children as "Pappa Bear." His life was filled with many interests. He loved to do research so he collected many books to add to his library. Nature was another love and he studied and observed rare plants, trees, rocks, and minerals.

Lyle is survived by his wife, Linda. His family includes his children, Aaron and his wife Bronwen of Bryant Pond, Amie Caraballo and her husband Gilbert of Lancaster, Mass., Allison of Topsham, Michael of Portland, Benjamin of Bryant Pond and foster son Kevin Henderson of Portland. Lyle dearly loved his children and enjoyed watching his family grow with grandchildren. Kaylie, Adam, Andrew, Timothy, Luke and Ellie will miss their Grampy. Lyle also is survived by a dear brother, Clyde and his wife Sylvia, and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Mariette Wiggins and his sister, Gloria Crouse.

The family would like to thank the Maine Veterans' Home for the quality care that he received during his stay.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 3 p.m. at the Woodstock Seventh day Adventist Church, 25 Perkins Valley Road, Woodstock, with a reception to follow. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Lyle's life.

JOAN SCARO WARD

Joan Scaro Ward, 73, of Mexico died June 26 at Central Maine Medical Center.

She was born Oct. 15, 1941, in New York City to Edward and Grace (Malloy) Friel.

She had one son, Edward

J. Scaro, by her first husband, George T. Scaro. Her son later changed his name legally to Justin E. J. Nelson, after marrying his husband, Michael T. Nelson.

Joan is survived by her son, Justin and his husband, Michael.

She was predeceased by her parents and stepfather and husband, Frank Ward.

Services

SAWYER
Graveside services for Fred Sawyer will be held

Saturday, July 18 at 1 p.m. at Lakeside Cemetery in Bryant Pond.

Land trusts buy 800 acres on Crooked River

By CHRISTOPHER CROSBY, Sun Media

Local land trusts have signed a \$1.37 million agreement to conserve roughly 800 acres along Crooked River, the largest tributary to Sebago Lake, the drinking water source for the greater Portland area.

Last week CLT Co. President Robert Carlson, 89, of Harrison signed quitclaim deeds with the Western Foothills and Loon Echo land trusts, retaining the land in Harrison and Otisfield as working forests, but forever set them aside from development.

CLT Co. is a timber-growing company, Carlson said.

In Otisfield, 290 acres known as Twin Bridges sold for \$617,000. In Harrison, 300 acres known as the Intervale, with 7,000 feet of river frontage, sold for \$15,000.

Additionally, the land trusts bought adjacent parcels in a "bargain sale" in which \$170,000 was knocked off the price. They are: 130 acres known as the Oak Hill parcel in Otisfield for \$190,000; 56 acres called the Watkins parcel in Otisfield for \$85,000; and 75 acres known as the Woodsum Brook parcel in Harrison for \$120,700.

A coalition of conservation groups was assembled to finance the deal, including a \$280,000 pledge from the Portland Water District, the largest in its history.

The parties expected

to complete the deal this spring but were thrown off course when \$400,000 — roughly a third of the funding — was suddenly wiped off the table after Gov. Paul LePage refused to disburse any voter-approved funds to Land For Maine's Future, a state-run program that aids conservation efforts.

LePage said previously that the funds will be withheld until the Legislature approves increasing the timber harvest on state lands.

Last Tuesday, LePage vetoed a bill which would have compelled the governor to sell the general obligation bonds, arguing it would have overhauled the bond process by stripping the executive of constitutional powers.

A spokesperson for the governor did not return an email seeking comment.

The sudden funding shortfall almost jeopardized the deal, which has been years in the making. Instead, Carlson pushed to complete it and agreed to loan Western Foothills Land Trust roughly \$190,000 at 1 percent interest. The trust has 18 months to repay the loan, which will be funded through a heavy timber harvest.

According to Lee Dassler, Western Foothills Land Trust executive director, the lack of state funds led to \$10,000 in additional legal fees, which have postponed plans to create public recreational trails.

Though able to close on this deal, Dassler called for the bonds to be sold to fund remaining projects across the state.

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